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H.R. No. 708

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Wichita Falls have traveled to Austin
2 to celebrate Wichita Falls Day at the Capitol, and this occasion
3 provides a fitting opportunity to recognize this fine Texas city;
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5 WHEREAS, The history of Wichita Falls dates back to 1882 and
6 is closely tied to the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad; its economy
7 was initially based on agriculture and trade, but the city became a
8 petroleum production and manufacturing center after Fowler No. 1
9 began gushing oil in 1918; and

10 WHEREAS, Wichita Falls is well known as the home of Sheppard
11 Air Force Base and its 82nd Training Wing, 80th Flight Training
12 Wing, and Euro-NATO Joint Jet Training Program; many of the men and
13 women stationed at the base are currently taking part in Operation
14 Iraqi Freedom, and nearly 60 Wichita Falls natives stationed
15 world-wide are actively involved in the war effort; and

16 WHEREAS, Such notable educational institutions as Midwestern
17 State University (MSU) and Vernon College are located in Wichita
18 Falls; MSU has enjoyed a consistent growth in enrollment,
19 particularly over the past three years, and Vernon College's Skills
20 Training Center is a major provider of workforce training for the
21 community's various industries; and

22 WHEREAS, North Texas State Hospital serves the citizens of 31
23 counties, and the United Regional Health Care system provides
24 medical services through more than 250 physicians in 14 counties;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Visitors are no doubt drawn to the area by the
3 namesake 54-foot-tall cascading waterfalls that grace the Wichita
4 River, but Wichita Falls offers much more than a beautiful setting;
5 it is a city of proud and patriotic people who contribute to the
6 success and prosperity of the Lone Star State and the United States
7 in myriad ways, and it is a privilege to pay tribute to them at this
8 time; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize April 8, 2003, as Wichita Falls Day at
11 the Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the residents of Wichita
12 Falls who are in attendance today.