

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A West Texas city with a rich history and the promise
2 of a flourishing future, Big Spring is indeed worthy of a grand
3 celebration, and the Texas House of Representatives takes great
4 pride in recognizing Big Spring Area Day, April 9, 2003, at the
5 State Capitol; and

6 WHEREAS, Big Spring moves into the future as the Crossroads
7 of West Texas with the thriving McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and
8 Industrial Park, home to a host of companies serving regional,
9 national, and international markets; and

10 WHEREAS, A regional hub for health care, Big Spring is home to
11 the Big Spring State Hospital, West Texas Centers for Mental
12 Health/Mental Retardation, West Texas Veterans Administration
13 Health Care Systems, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Covenant
14 Malone-Hogan Clinic, and Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The area maintains a vital oil and gas, farming, and
17 ranching industry and recognizes the importance of diversifying the
18 economic base from the primary to the secondary and tertiary
19 sectors of the economy in establishing industries such as
20 teleservices, petroleum refining and plastics, and composites
21 manufacturing; and

22 WHEREAS, Institutions of higher learning such as Howard
23 College and South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf provide
24 essential programs for a skilled workforce, and students from the

1 Big Spring, Coahoma, and Forsan Independent School Districts are
2 encouraged to acquire skills needed to meet future workforce needs
3 through Career Day and Next Generation Day; and

4 WHEREAS, Promoting improvement within the community, Big
5 Spring offers affordable housing in the recently constructed
6 Limestone Ridge apartment complex and by renovations of houses in
7 Howard County through the Fresh Start Program, under the direction
8 of the Crossroads Community Housing Development Board and in
9 conjunction with Howard College, Moore Development for Big Spring,
10 Inc., and the Workforce Network; and

11 WHEREAS, Big Spring prides itself on recognizing the worth
12 and dignity of every human being and continues to meet the needs of
13 its citizens through exciting job opportunities, recreation, and
14 education, ensuring a vital and prosperous quality of life; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize April 9, 2003, as Big Spring Area Day
18 at the Capitol and extend best wishes to the citizens of Big Spring
19 for a most successful Big Spring Area Day at the State Capitol.

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H.R. No. 716

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 716 was adopted by the House on April 9, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House