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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 Health/Mental
12 Retardation, West Texas Veterans Administration Health Care
13 Systems, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Covenant Malone-Hogan
14 Clinic, and Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home; and

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

21 WHEREAS, Institutions of higher learning such as Howard
22 College and South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf provide
23 essential programs for a skilled workforce, and students from the
24 Big Spring, Coahoma, and Forsan Independent School Districts are

1 encouraged to acquire skills needed to meet future workforce needs
2 through Career Day and Next Generation Day; and

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

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

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