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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Georgetown are celebrating the
2 fourth annual Texas Red Poppy Festival on April 26-27, 2003; and

3 WHEREAS, A vibrant addition to the community's landscape each
4 spring, the red poppy arrived in Georgetown nearly eight decades
5 ago during World War I when native son Henry Purl Compton sent his
6 mother a packet of red poppy seeds from Flanders Field; she planted
7 the seeds, and the beautiful blossoms soon began to spread
8 throughout the community; and

9 WHEREAS, In the years since, the Red Poppy Garden Club, the
10 City of Georgetown, the *Williamson County Sun*, and other
11 organizations have worked to preserve and perpetuate this colorful
12 flower by giving away and selling millions of seeds to local
13 residents; and

14 WHEREAS, Officially designated the Red Poppy Capital of Texas
15 by the 71st Texas Legislature in 1990, the City of Georgetown
16 established the festival four years ago to celebrate the blooming
17 of this lovely flower and the coming of spring, and it has quickly
18 become one of the city's most anticipated and popular events; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
21 Legislature hereby commemorate the fourth annual Texas Red Poppy
22 Festival in Georgetown and extend best wishes to the event's
23 organizers and participants for a memorable and enjoyable
24 celebration.