

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 58

WHEREAS, Many notable Lubbock citizens are visiting Austin on January 28, 2003, to pay tribute to their city's rich heritage and to celebrate Lubbock Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, A thriving city on the southern High Plains, Lubbock is located on one of the oldest inhabited places in Texas; in Yellow House Draw, in the northern part of the city, archaeologists have discovered evidence of some 12,000 years of continuous habitation; known as the Lubbock Lake Site, the area now enjoys protection as a national historic and state archaeological landmark; and

WHEREAS, In early historic times this land was occupied by Indians who were probably ancestors of the Apaches; during the 1600s, members of various Spanish expeditions traveled a route through Yellow House Draw and other canyons, confident of finding water there on their passage across the South Plains; in the 1700s, Comanches swept down into Texas from the north, and they maintained dominion over this region until the 1870s; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lubbock was established in 1890 and became the seat of Lubbock County, which was organized the following year; population growth in Lubbock began in earnest with the arrival of the railroads in 1909; and

WHEREAS, The railroads stimulated Lubbock's growth as a trade center, but residents also wanted the benefits that an institution of higher learning would bring; when legislation creating Texas Technological College was finally passed in 1923, the site selection committee, impressed by the enthusiasm and hospitality of Lubbock citizens, chose Lubbock for its location; and

WHEREAS, Today, a city of approximately 200,000, Lubbock enjoys a diversified economy that draws its strength from agribusiness, manufacturing, and commerce, as well as from educational and medical facilities; with the growth of cotton culture on the High Plains, Lubbock has become one of the world's primary centers for the processing of cottonseed; and

WHEREAS, Lubbock also offers a wealth of cultural and recreational opportunities; among these are the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, the Lubbock Civic Ballet, the Museum and Planetarium of Texas Tech University, the Silent Wings Museum, and many other cultural offerings at Texas Tech University; and

WHEREAS, Those wanting a glimpse of the frontier can find traces of it in the many restored structures at the Ranching Heritage Center, a 15-acre site tracing the evolution of ranch architecture and the history of the cattle industry, the American Wind Power Center, and the American Museum of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, The musical talent that has come from the Lubbock area has included the likes of Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison, Natalie Maines, the Maines Brothers, the Hometown Boys, Virgil Johnson and the Velvets, Waylon Jennings, Tanya Tucker, and Joe Ely and has earned Lubbock recognition as "The Music Crossroads of Texas"; and

WHEREAS, One of the proud Lubbock delegations visiting the Capitol today is the Leadership Lubbock Class of 2003, a group of community leaders who are participating in a series of seminars designed to help them identify and respond to the needs of their community; highlights of their trip to Austin on January 28 and 29, 2003, include a meeting with their legislative delegation and a reception at Stubb's Bar-B-Que, featuring a concert by Joe Ely; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Lubbock have truly kept faith with the founders of this West Texas community; still renowned for their friendliness and warmth, they have helped to build a vital urban center that serves not only a large part of West Texas but also of eastern New Mexico; it is a pleasure for the Texas Senate to pay tribute to the City of Lubbock and its fine residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby recognize January 28, 2003, as Lubbock Day at the State Capitol and extend to the delegations in attendance today and to all their fellow citizens sincere appreciation for the bright luster they add to the Lone Star State.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on January 28, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate