

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 511

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Round Rock in recognizing April 7, 2003, as Round Rock Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, This is a special day for the citizens of Round Rock to gather at the Capitol to celebrate the contributions they have made to the heritage of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Long before the arrival of the first white settlers in the 1800s, the Tonkawa, Lipan Apache, Comanche, and the Tawakoni Indians hunted and gathered in the Round Rock area; and

WHEREAS, The city is named for the round, table-topped limestone rock located at a low water crossing in Brushy Creek; the rock is recognized as a tribute to the weary pioneers who forded the creek as they were looking for a better life in the West; and

WHEREAS, The town of Round Rock began to take form after Jesse Chisholm marked his trail nearby in 1864 as he was on his way from the Rio Grande River to Abilene; the real boom for commerce occurred in 1876, when the Texas Land Company began building a new town at the end of the line for the Great Northern Railroad; today, many of those original buildings still stand; and

WHEREAS, Round Rock was incorporated in 1913, and the newly formed city government began improving utilities, services, and streets; throughout the twentieth century, the city experienced population growth, and its citizens worked together to overcome problems, such as a prolonged drought in 1978 and the need for improved health care facilities; collectively, Round Rock citizens embrace the city's motto of "Purpose, Passion, Prosperity"; and

WHEREAS, The thriving city of 75,000 offers a high quality of life for its citizens, including numerous recreational activities and an award-winning park system, library, and school district; not only does Round Rock have the lowest property tax and utility rates in the region but also one of the lowest crime rates in the state; and

WHEREAS, It is the home of the Round Rock Express Baseball Club and the internationally recognized Dell Computer Corporation; community events such as Frontier Days and Daffodil Days bring numerous visitors to the city; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Round Rock can reflect on their community's history and progress with great pride, and the State of Texas and the City of Round Rock can look forward to a shared future of opportunities and challenges; and

WHEREAS, As a fitting ending to Round Rock Day at the State Capitol, the City of Round Rock has generously extended an invitation to the Texas Legislature to attend Round Rock Day at Dell Diamond for an evening of Texas League baseball and a visit with baseball legend Nolan Ryan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby declare April 7, 2003, Round Rock Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the citizens of Round Rock who have come to the Capitol this day to celebrate; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as a memento of this occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 7, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate