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H.C.R. No. 79

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, On February 28th, 2005, dignitaries and citizens  
2 from the city of West, Texas are coming to the State Capitol in  
3 Austin to share their Czech heritage, hospitality, and world-famous  
4 kolaches; and

5           WHEREAS, Established at its present site in 1881 and  
6 officially becoming West nine years later, this small but vibrant  
7 community--named after Thomas West, a farmer, postmaster, and  
8 businessman--retains many of the same charms which drew people to  
9 the area more than 100 years ago; and

10           WHEREAS, Among those drawn to this rich farmland were  
11 immigrants from Czechoslovakia, who came to the area, farmed the  
12 land, opened businesses, shared their European culture, and planted  
13 roots which are now indelibly woven into the identity of West; and

14           WHEREAS, The people of West embrace this heritage, making it  
15 known and officially designated as the Czech Heritage Capital of  
16 the State of Texas, and offering the yearly Labor Day weekend  
17 tradition of Westfest, a celebration of Old World foods, music,  
18 arts and crafts, and many other activities; and

19           WHEREAS, Among the many charms of West which make it a must  
20 for countless travelers, perhaps the most favorite and famous of  
21 these are the delicious fruit and meat kolaches, brought to the  
22 State Capitol on this day by the Catholic Daughters in West; now  
23 therefore be it

24           RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas

1 hereby declare Monday, February 28th, 2005, as West Day at the  
2 Capitol and express its deepest gratitude to the people of West, who  
3 have come to the Capitol to share the things we all love most about  
4 West--its rich history, its hospitality, and its food; and be it  
5 further

6       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for the city of West as an expression of high regard by the  
8 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.