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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Motor Transportation
2 Association are visiting Austin on March 30, 2005, as they
3 celebrate Trucking Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The trucking industry employs one out of every 11
5 workers in Texas, or more than 620,000 people; there are
6 approximately 43,000 motor carriers registered with the Motor
7 Carrier Division of the Texas Department of Transportation and in
8 excess of 500,000 commercial vehicles operating daily in the Lone
9 Star State; and

10 WHEREAS, Trucks transport nearly 60 percent of all the
11 state's manufactured commodities, delivering necessary products to
12 every Texas community, 72 percent of which rely exclusively on
13 these motor carriers for their goods; the trucking industry further
14 benefits the economy by generating over \$17.5 billion in annual
15 salaries and paying almost \$1.7 billion in state and federal
16 highway taxes and fees; and

17 WHEREAS, Safety has long been a priority of the motor carrier
18 industry, and since 1980 the number of heavy trucks involved in
19 accidents in Texas has decreased 40 percent, despite a 37.5 percent
20 increase in trucking miles traveled; in addition to complying with
21 the nation's environmental regulations, the Texas Motor
22 Transportation Association has a Safety Certification Program for
23 safety professionals, an industry-funded commercial motor vehicle
24 safety initiative designed to promote safety on Texas highways, and

1 a variety of educational programs aimed at both the industry and the
2 motoring public; and

3 WHEREAS, The Texas Motor Transportation Association, the
4 state association of the trucking industry, has continued to team
5 with the Texas Department of Transportation to produce the
6 first-ever mobile highway safety classroom, featuring a
7 state-of-the-art, full-motion commercial truck driver simulator,
8 designed to enhance the driving skills of commercial truck drivers,
9 and to aid passenger vehicles in operating more safely as they share
10 the road with commercial vehicles; and

11 WHEREAS, The trucking industry is a vital part of the Lone
12 Star State's economy, and it is indeed appropriate to take this
13 opportunity to recognize the members of the Texas Motor
14 Transportation Association and to commend their contributions to
15 the state's economic well-being and their efforts to make Texas
16 roads safer; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize March 30, 2005, as Trucking Day at the
19 State Capitol and welcome all those associated with this noteworthy
20 event.