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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Texas is known for the richness and variety of its  
2 agricultural bounty, and the grapefruit and other citrus fruit  
3 grown in and around Mission are important contributors to the  
4 state's renown; and

5           WHEREAS, Mission was designated the Lone Star State's Home of  
6 the Grapefruit by the 75th Texas Legislature, and its residents  
7 take justifiable pride in their position as an important  
8 agricultural center; in celebration of their beloved hometown, a  
9 number of community leaders have traveled to Austin on this special  
10 day to extol its many virtues, including a highly anticipated event  
11 that draws countless visitors to Mission each year to join in the  
12 fun; and

13           WHEREAS, The Texas Citrus Fiesta, a Rio Grande Valley  
14 tradition since 1932, has become a major cultural and recreational  
15 event in the area; and

16           WHEREAS, Including such entertaining events as the  
17 coronation of King Citrus and Queen Citrianna and a fashion  
18 exhibition of costumes constructed entirely of cunningly  
19 transformed Valley agricultural products, the Texas Citrus Fiesta  
20 also includes a Parade of Oranges that is enjoyed by thousands from  
21 the United States and Mexico; and

22           WHEREAS, The combination of agricultural abundance and  
23 vibrant community spirit that leads to the continuing success of  
24 Mission and the Texas Citrus Fiesta is a notable example of what is

1 great about the Rio Grande Valley and is truly deserving of special  
2 recognition; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby recognize March 9, 2005, as Mission Day at the  
5 State Capitol, welcome those individuals visiting on this day, and  
6 commend all those associated with the Texas Citrus Fiesta for their  
7 efforts in maintaining this treasured cultural institution.