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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of the city of Gainesville are visiting
2 the State Capitol on March 10, 2005, to celebrate the contributions
3 of their fair city; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in the geographic center of Cooke County in
5 North Texas, Gainesville was established in 1850 and named in honor
6 of General Edmund Pendleton Gaines, a U.S. general who was
7 sympathetic with the Texas Revolution; the city was officially
8 incorporated on February 17, 1873, and with the arrival of a railway
9 system became an established commercial and shipping point for area
10 ranchers and farmers; and

11 WHEREAS, The equine and cattle industries have provided the
12 city with a stable economy over the years, and today, additional
13 business and educational opportunities abound with Weber Aircraft,
14 the newly constructed North Texas Medical Center, and North Texas
15 College, all located in the community; moreover, a recent runway
16 extension has helped the Gainesville Municipal Airport become one
17 of the best general aviation airports in the state; and

18 WHEREAS, Gainesville is known for offering a high quality of
19 life in a small-town setting; designated a Sustaining Level Main
20 Street City by the Texas Historical Commission, the city boasts one
21 of the largest preserved commercial districts among small Texas
22 towns; it is also the community that initiated the Medal of Honor
23 Host City program, which was designed to honor living recipients of
24 the nation's highest decoration for military valor; and

1 WHEREAS, The county seat of Cooke County, Gainesville hosts
2 such popular events as Depot Days and the Gainesville Area Chamber
3 of Commerce Annual Rodeo; the city is home to the F. E. Schmitz
4 Museum and the Frank Buck Zoo, which has just completed a \$2.4
5 million refurbishment and exhibit expansion in Leonard Park; the
6 park is also the site of the F. E. Schmitz Express train, the
7 historic Leonard Pavilion, the All Children's Playground, and
8 various sports facilities; and

9 WHEREAS, The residents of Gainesville are indeed justified in
10 promoting the myriad attractions of their thriving city, and it is a
11 pleasure to honor them on this special day; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 10, 2005, as Gainesville Day at
14 the State Capitol and extend to those citizens present today a warm
15 welcome to Austin.