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H.R. No. 486

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize February 20, 2007, as Viva San Antonio Day at the State
3 Capitol and welcome the visiting delegation from the Alamo City;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The history of San Antonio can be traced back to
6 1691, when a group of Spanish explorers and missionaries came upon a
7 river and named it San Antonio, in honor of St. Anthony, whose feast
8 day was being celebrated; and

9 WHEREAS, The city was founded in 1718 by Father Antonio
10 Olivares; he established Mission San Antonio de Valero, which would
11 become etched in the annals of history in 1836 as the Alamo, the
12 site where 189 brave individuals held the mission for 13 days
13 against an army of some 4,000 Mexican troops; and

14 WHEREAS, The cry "Remember the Alamo" became the rallying
15 point of the Texas Revolution; today, the Alamo is a shrine and
16 museum, and is widely recognized as the cradle of Texas liberty; and

17 WHEREAS, San Antonio became formally incorporated in 1837,
18 when the fledgling Republic of Texas granted the city a charter; the
19 city has since retained its sense of history and tradition while
20 carefully blending in cosmopolitan progress; it has served and
21 continues to serve as a crossroads and a meeting place, where the
22 rich sounds and flavors of Native Americans, Old Mexico, Germans,
23 the Wild West, African Americans, and the Deep South mingle and
24 merge; and

1 WHEREAS, The city has a proud military heritage; great
2 military figures like Pershing, Stillwell, Krueger, LeMay,
3 Chennault, and Eisenhower served at San Antonio military
4 institutions, including Fort Sam Houston, the headquarters for the
5 Fifth U.S. Army and Health Services Command and the U.S. Army
6 Southern Command; in addition, San Antonio is home to Lackland Air
7 Force Base, a U.S. Air Force training base and the world's largest
8 military training center, and Brooks City-Base, an innovative
9 operation combining the private sector with the military and local
10 government; and

11 WHEREAS, Recent years have brought remarkable economic
12 development to San Antonio as its skilled workforce, excellent
13 institutions of public and higher education, and quality of life
14 have attracted some important corporate business and industry to
15 the city; and

16 WHEREAS, Millions of visitors a year delight in the discovery
17 of San Antonio; in addition to the Alamo, other highlights include
18 La Villita, San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio Missions Trail, and
19 the famed Paseo del Rio, better known as "The Riverwalk"; and

20 WHEREAS, Among the multitude of attractions that make San
21 Antonio one of the top tourist destinations in the country are Sea
22 World San Antonio and the Six Flags Fiesta Texas theme park as well
23 as the PGA Tour's Texas Open, the Alamo Bowl, and the World Champion
24 San Antonio Spurs; and

25 WHEREAS, Beginning April 20, 2007, the city will once again
26 celebrate Fiesta San Antonio, the biggest 10-day party in the Lone
27 Star State; first held 116 years ago, the event was founded by a

1 group of ladies who decorated horse-drawn carriages for a parade in
2 front of the Alamo and battled with flower blossoms instead of
3 bullets to honor the heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San
4 Jacinto; and

5 WHEREAS, San Antonio is truly one of the treasures of the Lone
6 Star State, and Viva San Antonio Day provides a most appropriate
7 opportunity to honor the city's many fine residents; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 20, 2007, as Viva San Antonio
11 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the members of the visiting
12 delegation best wishes for a memorable visit.