

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many notable citizens of Amarillo and Lubbock and
2 their outstanding and supportive neighbors from other communities
3 located in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains are visiting Austin
4 on February 27, 2007, to pay tribute to their region's rich heritage
5 and to celebrate Panhandle and South Plains Day at the State
6 Capitol; and

7 WHEREAS, A thriving region of the state, the Panhandle and
8 South Plains are home to one of the oldest inhabited places in
9 Texas, the Lubbock Lake Site, a national historic and state
10 archeological landmark where evidence of some 12,000 years of
11 continuous habitation has been discovered; and

12 WHEREAS, Stretching through the northern part of the region
13 is Palo Duro Canyon, the second largest canyon in the country, which
14 boasts spectacular views and reveals, through its exposed strata, a
15 geologic record spanning 250 million years; and

16 WHEREAS, Rich in history, this remarkable region of vast
17 scenic plains is known for its traditional ranch lands, crop and
18 meat production, large stretches of oil and gas reserves, major
19 industry, and nationally recognized employees with a work ethic
20 that is beyond reproach; and

21 WHEREAS, Amarillo, the northern principal city of the
22 Panhandle and South Plains, is a dynamic urban center with a
23 population of more than 180,000 and affords its residents and
24 visitors a wide array of cultural amenities; contributing to

1 Amarillo's economic vitality are a Bell Helicopter tilt-rotor
2 assembly center, where the V-22 Osprey and the US101 presidential
3 helicopters are assembled, as well as the only assembly/disassembly
4 plant for the nation's nuclear weapons arsenal, a facility operated
5 by BWXT Pantex for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear
6 Security Administration; and

7 WHEREAS, Lubbock is the southern principal city of the
8 Panhandle and South Plains; today, with a population of
9 approximately 210,000, the community is home to the largest medical
10 infrastructure between Dallas and Los Angeles and enjoys a
11 diversified economy that draws its strength from agribusiness,
12 manufacturing, and commerce; with the growth of cotton culture on
13 the High Plains, Lubbock has become one of the world's primary
14 centers for the processing of cottonseed; the city's economy is
15 further bolstered by numerous small businesses that were the first
16 in the state to band together to make insurance more affordable for
17 employers, resulting in almost 7,000 covered employees, 1,500 of
18 which were previously without major medical coverage; and

19 WHEREAS, The Panhandle and South Plains are also home to
20 excellent educational institutions whose successes ensure that the
21 area will continue to prosper; the Texas Tech University System,
22 including its medical, law, and pharmacy schools, and West Texas
23 A&M University are among the premier institutions in Texas and
24 boast ever-increasing enrollments, nationally recognized programs
25 and faculty, and outstanding graduates; Amarillo College and South
26 Plains College, which continue to be among the finest community
27 colleges in the country, and Lubbock Christian University, Wayland

1 Baptist University, Frank Phillips College, Western Texas College,
2 and Clarendon College, are other outstanding educational
3 institutions in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains; and

4 WHEREAS, Area attractions include the Panhandle-Plains
5 Historical Museum, the largest history museum in the state, located
6 on the campus of West Texas A&M University in Canyon, and Texas Tech
7 University is home to many restored structures at the National
8 Ranching Heritage Center, a 15-acre site tracing the evolution of
9 ranch architecture and the history of the cattle industry in Texas;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The citizens of the Panhandle and South Plains
12 regions are renowned for their friendliness and warmth; they have
13 helped to build vital urban centers that serve not only a large part
14 of Texas but also of eastern New Mexico, and it is indeed
15 appropriate to take this opportunity to pay tribute to them; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2007, as Panhandle and
19 South Plains Day at the State Capitol and extend to the delegation
20 in attendance today, and to all their fellow citizens, sincere
21 appreciation for the bright luster they add to the Lone Star State.

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Craddick	Gattis	Miles
Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
Branch	Harless	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Otto
Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
Chavez	Hilderbran	Pena
Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
Coleman	Homer	Pitts
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Puente
Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Corte	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Crabb	Hughes	Riddle
Creighton	Isett	Ritter
Crownover	Jackson	Rodriguez
Darby	Jones	Rose
Davis of Harris	Keffer	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Parker	Smith of Harris
Delisi	King of Taylor	Smithee
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
Driver	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dukes	Krusee	Straus
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Latham	Talton
Eiland	Laubenberg	Taylor
Eissler	Leibowitz	Thompson
Elkins	Lucio III	Truitt
England	Macias	Turner
Escobar	Madden	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Mallory Caraway	Vaught
Farias	Martinez	Veasey
Farrar	Martinez Fischer	Villarreal
Flores	McCall	Vo
Flynn	McClendon	West
Frost	McReynolds	Woolley
Gallego	Menendez	Zedler
Garcia	Merritt	Zerwas

H.R. No. 530

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 530 was adopted by the House on
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Chief Clerk of the House