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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On April 11, 2007, dignitaries and citizens from the
2 city of West are coming to the State Capitol in Austin to share
3 their Czech heritage, hospitality, and world-famous kolaches; and

4 WHEREAS, Established at its present site in 1881 and
5 officially becoming West nine years later, this small but vibrant
6 community--named after Thomas West, a farmer, postmaster, and
7 businessman--retains many of the same charms that drew people to
8 the area more than 100 years ago; and

9 WHEREAS, Many of those drawn to this rich farmland were
10 immigrants from Czechoslovakia, who came to the area, farmed the
11 land, opened businesses, shared their European culture, and planted
12 roots that are now indelibly woven into the identity of West; and

13 WHEREAS, The people of West embrace this heritage, making it
14 known and officially designated as the Czech Heritage Capital of
15 the State of Texas and offering the yearly Labor Day weekend
16 tradition of Westfest, a celebration of Old World foods, music,
17 arts and crafts, and many other activities; and

18 WHEREAS, Among the many charms of West that make it a must for
19 countless travelers are its delicious fruit and meat kolaches,
20 which have been brought to the State Capitol on this day by the
21 Catholic Daughters in West; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize April 11, 2007, as West Day at the
24 State Capitol and express its deepest gratitude to the people of

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1 West, who have come to the Capitol to share the things we all love
2 most about West--its rich history, its hospitality, and its food.