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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize February 12, 2009, as Mission Day at the Capitol and to
3 welcome the citizens of Mission who have traveled to Austin for this
4 occasion; and

5 WHEREAS, The city of Mission was founded in 1908, the year the
6 Missouri Pacific Railroad established a station in the area, and
7 the city was named for La Lomita Mission, which was located nearby;
8 since then, Mission has grown to be a thriving city with a
9 population of approximately 65,000 people; and

10 WHEREAS, The first citrus trees in the Rio Grande Valley were
11 planted in the Mission area; today, the citrus industry is a
12 multimillion-dollar business and is celebrated each year at the
13 Citrus Fiesta; and

14 WHEREAS, Mission was immortalized in Larry McMurtry's novel
15 and miniseries, *Lonesome Dove*, and notable residents have included
16 the late United States Senator and Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen
17 and former United States Congressman Kika de la Garza; Mission was
18 the childhood home of Tom Landry and a second home to Governor Allan
19 Shivers and to William Jennings Bryan; and

20 WHEREAS, Mission Day at the Capitol provides an opportunity
21 to honor the city's heritage and its many charms, which are enjoyed
22 by residents and vacationers of all ages; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
24 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2009, as Mission Day at

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1 the State Capitol and extend best wishes to the members of the
2 visiting delegation for an enjoyable and memorable stay in Austin.