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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 17, 2009, 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 soldiers; 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, Stilwell, 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 the home of the U.S. Army Medical Command and  
6 the Brooke Army Medical Center; in addition, San Antonio is the site  
7 of Lackland Air Force Base, the largest training wing in the U.S.  
8 Air Force, and Brooks City-Base, an innovative master-planned  
9 research and technology center; and

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

15           WHEREAS, Millions of visitors a year delight in the discovery  
16 of San Antonio; in addition to the Alamo, highlights include La  
17 Villita, San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio Missions Trail, and  
18 the famed Paseo del Rio, better known as "The Riverwalk"; among the  
19 other attractions that make San Antonio one of the top tourist  
20 destinations in the country are SeaWorld San Antonio and the Six  
21 Flags Fiesta Texas theme park as well as the PGA Tour Valero Texas  
22 Open, the Alamo Bowl, and the four-time world champion San Antonio  
23 Spurs; and

24           WHEREAS, In April 2009, the city will once again celebrate  
25 Fiesta San Antonio, the biggest 10-day party in the state; first  
26 held 118 years ago, the event was founded by a group of ladies who  
27 decorated horse-drawn carriages for a parade in front of the Alamo

1 and battled with flower blossoms instead of bullets to honor the  
2 heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto; and

3 WHEREAS, San Antonio is truly one of the treasures of the Lone  
4 Star State, and Viva San Antonio Day provides a welcome opportunity  
5 to honor the city and its many fine residents; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 17, 2009, as Viva San Antonio  
8 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the members of the visiting  
9 delegation best wishes for a memorable visit.