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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Our nation faces great energy and environmental  
2 challenges because of our reliance on foreign sources of energy and  
3 because of emissions caused by both mobile and static sources; and

4           WHEREAS, The state's abundant wind resources diversify our  
5 energy mix, provide cost-competitive power, and protect our  
6 environment; moreover, they contribute to economic growth through  
7 the creation of jobs; and

8           WHEREAS, Texas has taken a key role in building transmission  
9 capacity to bring power from wind-rich areas to populated urban  
10 areas through the creation of Competitive Renewable Energy Zones;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, The nation's leader in wind energy production, Texas  
13 currently generates more than 8,000 megawatts of electricity from  
14 wind with another 1,630 megawatts under construction; together,  
15 this is enough energy to power 2.4 million homes; and

16           WHEREAS, Texas produces more wind energy than all but five  
17 countries, behind only the United States, Germany, Spain, China,  
18 and India; by 2011, the state's wind industry will generate more  
19 than three times as much electricity as any other state in the  
20 United States; and

21           WHEREAS, Texas Wind Energy Day at the State Capitol features  
22 educational events and exhibits in the rotunda that are designed to  
23 help citizens and their elected officials gain a deeper  
24 understanding of how this clean, renewable energy strengthens

1 communities; and

2 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State is a leader in the global energy  
3 industry, and every Texan has a vested interest in ensuring that  
4 future generations have abundant energy resources that are clean  
5 and completely renewable; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize March 25, 2009, as Texas Wind Energy  
8 Day at the State Capitol in honor of the state's vibrant wind  
9 industry.