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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On April 21, 2009, the wonderful citizens from the  
2 city of West, in McLennan County, Texas, are coming to the State  
3 Capitol in Austin to share their Czech heritage, hospitality, and  
4 world-famous kolaches; and

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

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

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

19           WHEREAS, The charms of this town have come to the notice of  
20 travelers, television crews, and now the Texas Historical  
21 Commission, which named the City of West a Texas Main Street City on  
22 March 24, 2009 with a celebration headlined by the First Lady of  
23 Texas Anita Perry; and

24           WHEREAS, Among the many charms of West that draw so many

1 travelers are its delicious fruit and meat kolaches, which have  
2 been brought to the Capitol on this day in a community-wide joint  
3 effort involving the City of West, the West Chamber of Commerce, and  
4 many dedicated individuals who are here today as ambassadors of the  
5 great City of West; now, therefore, be it

6       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize April 21, 2009, as West Day at the  
8 State Capitol and express its deepest gratitude to the people of  
9 West, who have come to the Capitol to share the things we all love  
10 about West--its rich history, its hospitality, and its delicious  
11 food.