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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Many notable citizens of Lubbock are visiting Austin 3 on January 27, 2009, to pay tribute to their city's rich heritage 4 and to celebrate Lubbock Day in the Centennial Anniversary Year of 5 Lubbock; and

6 WHEREAS, A thriving region of the state, the Lubbock area is 7 home to one of the oldest inhabited places in Texas, where 8 archeologists have discovered evidence of some 12,000 years of 9 continuous habitation; known as the Lubbock Lake Landmark Site, the 10 site is a national historic and state archeological landmark; and

11 WHEREAS, The City of Lubbock was incorporated almost 100 12 years ago, on March 16, 1909; and

WHEREAS, The railroads stimulated Lubbock's growth as a trade center, but residents also wanted the benefits that an institution of higher learning would bring; when legislation creating Texas Technological College was finally passed in 1923, the site selection committee, impressed by the enthusiasm and hospitality of Lubbock citizens, chose Lubbock for its location; and

WHEREAS, Today a city of approximately 218,000, Lubbock is home to the Texas Tech University System and its flagship institution, Texas Tech University; and

22 WHEREAS, Lubbock enjoys a diversified economy that draws its 23 strength from agribusiness, manufacturing, and commerce, as well as 24 from educational and medical facilities, boasting the largest

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1 medical infrastructure between Dallas and Phoenix; with the growth 2 of cotton culture on the High Plains, Lubbock has become one of the 3 world's primary centers for the processing of cottonseed and hybrid 4 grain sorghum seed; and

5 WHEREAS, Lubbock also offers a wealth of cultural and 6 recreational opportunities; among these are the Lubbock Symphony 7 Orchestra, the Lubbock Civic Ballet, the Museum and Planetarium of 8 Texas Tech University, the Silent Wings Museum, and many other 9 cultural offerings at Texas Tech University; and

10 WHEREAS, Those wanting a glimpse of the frontier can find 11 traces of it in the many restored structures at the Ranching 12 Heritage Center, a 15-acre site tracing the evolution of ranch 13 architecture and the history of the cattle industry, as well as at 14 the American Wind Power Center and the American Museum of 15 Agriculture; and

16 WHEREAS, The musical talent that has come from the Lubbock 17 area has included the likes of Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison, the Maines 18 Family, Virgil Johnson and the Velvets, Waylon Jennings, Tanya 19 Tucker, Joe Ely, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, and Butch Hancock and has 20 earned Lubbock recognition as "The Music Crossroads of Texas"; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Lubbock and the area were home 21 to three-time National Collegiate Athletic Association championship 22 winner in cross-country, Sally Kipyego; home to the 2008 National 23 Association of Intercollegiate Athletics softball championship 24 25 team at Lubbock Christian University; home to the 2008 National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association championship South Plains 26 27 College mens basketball team; home to American Football Coaches Association All-American and Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award winner 28 29 Graham Harrell, Texas Tech University's Academic-All-Big-12

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1 quarterback who led his team to a Big 12 South Cochampionship while
2 posting a grade point average of 4.0; home to Biletnikoff Award
3 winner, Paul Warfield Award winner and Associated Press First-Team
4 All American Michael Crabtree of Texas Tech University; and

WHEREAS, Lubbock's leadership in business was spotlighted on 5 the national stage when in 2008 the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce was 6 7 named the best chamber of commerce in the nation by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, again recently as 8 Lubbock businesswoman Beth Ashmore led the National Association of Health 9 Underwriters as president of the board, again as Lubbock's Annette 10 Sykora chaired the National Automobile Dealers Association, again 11 when Lubbock-based City Bank was named one of the best places to 12 work in the nation, and again as Lubbock's Wally Darneille led the 13 14 board of the International Cotton Association as the first American ever to be elected to the board of the prestigious organization; and 15

16 WHEREAS, This outstanding record of business and industry 17 leadership throughout Lubbock's first 100 years continued to bear 18 fruit in 2008 with several distinctions for Lubbock, including the 19 city being named as the second best and strongest real estate market 20 in the nation, as the 11th best place to survive a nationwide 21 economic downturn, and as one of the top places in the nation to do 22 business; and

WHEREAS, Lubbock continues to foster and grow its business and community leadership for the future; among the proud Lubbock delegation visiting the Capitol today are the Leadership Lubbock Class of 2009 and the Focus Lubbock Class of 2009; and

27 WHEREAS, The citizens of Lubbock have truly kept faith with 28 the founders of this West Texas community; still renowned for their 29 friendliness and warmth, coupled with hardiness and determination,

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1 they have helped to build a vital urban center that serves not only 2 a large part of West Texas but also eastern New Mexico; it is a 3 pleasure for the Texas Senate to pay tribute to the City of Lubbock 4 and its fine residents; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st 6 Legislature, hereby recognize January 27, 2009, as Lubbock Day at 7 the State Capitol and extend to the delegations in attendance today 8 and to all their fellow citizens sincere appreciation for the 9 bright luster they add to the Lone Star State.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 6 was adopted by the Senate on January 27, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 6 was adopted by the House on January 27, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor