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1 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

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

19 WHEREAS, Today a city of approximately 218,000, Lubbock is
20 home to the Texas Tech University System and its flagship
21 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

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

21 WHEREAS, In 2008, Lubbock and the area were home to
22 three-time National Collegiate Athletic Association championship
23 winner in cross-country, Sally Kipyego; home to the 2008 National
24 Association of Intercollegiate Athletics softball championship
25 team at Lubbock Christian University; home to the 2008 National
26 Junior Collegiate Athletic Association championship South Plains
27 College mens basketball team; home to American Football Coaches

1 Association All-American and Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award winner
2 Graham Harrell, Texas Tech University's Academic-All-Big-12
3 quarterback who led his team to a Big 12 South Co-championship while
4 posting a grade point average of 4.0; home to Biletnikoff Award
5 winner, Paul Warfield Award winner and Associated Press First-Team
6 All American Michael Crabtree of Texas Tech University; and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, Lubbock continues to foster and grow its business
26 and community leadership for the future; among the proud Lubbock
27 delegation visiting the Capitol today are the Leadership Lubbock

1 Class of 2009 and the Focus Lubbock Class of 2009; and

2 WHEREAS, The citizens of Lubbock have truly kept faith with
3 the founders of this West Texas community; still renowned for their
4 friendliness and warmth, coupled with hardiness and determination,
5 they have helped to build a vital urban center that serves not only
6 a large part of West Texas but also eastern New Mexico; it is a
7 pleasure for the Texas Senate to pay tribute to the City of Lubbock
8 and its fine residents; now, therefore, be it

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