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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The United States is the world's largest
2 manufacturing economy, and Texas is the nation's second leading
3 manufacturing state by number of employees and number of
4 manufacturing entities; and

5 WHEREAS, U.S. manufacturing produces \$1.6 trillion of value
6 each year, or 11 percent of U.S. Gross Domestic Product; Texas
7 manufacturing contributes \$158.8 billion to the economy, or 13
8 percent of Texas Gross State Product, and it has been the leading
9 exporting state for 8 years in a row; manufacturing accounts for 93
10 percent of Texas exports; and

11 WHEREAS, Responsible for more than half of all private sector
12 research and development spending, manufacturers boost the state's
13 economy by promoting innovation, investment, and job creation;
14 manufacturing employs 840,000 Texans, and the average annual salary
15 is almost \$76,000; moreover, a multiplier effect leads to the
16 creation of between 2 and 16 additional jobs for each manufacturing
17 job created; and

18 WHEREAS, The broad diversity of products manufactured across
19 the Lone Star State includes, by rank as a percentage of Gross State
20 Product, chemicals, computers and electronics, machinery,
21 petroleum and coal products, food products, aerospace, motor
22 vehicles and parts, and plastics and rubber; Texas produces 60
23 percent of the nation's chemicals, 30 percent of its natural gas,
24 and 19 percent of its oil; and

1 WHEREAS, In an increasingly global economy, the future
2 prosperity and competitiveness of the State of Texas are tied to the
3 future prosperity and competitiveness of its manufacturing base;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby designate February 15, 2011, as Texas Manufacturers Day and
7 commend manufacturers across the state, including the Texas
8 Association of Manufacturers, the Texas Manufacturing Assistance
9 Center, and the regional manufacturers' associations from Dallas
10 County, New Braunfels, San Antonio, San Marcos, South Texas,
11 Washington County, and Harlingen, for their continued efforts to
12 produce Texas products with Texas jobs.