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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Hewitt are gathering in Austin on
2 January 25, 2011, to celebrate Hewitt Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, Hewitt was first established in 1882 as a station on
4 the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad; in 1893, John Allison
5 Warren bought the township around the station and named it after
6 George A. Hewitt, a director of the Katy Railroad; he named the
7 town's first street Warren, and the second street Johnson, his
8 wife's maiden name; and

9 WHEREAS, For years, Hewitt was a thriving farming community;
10 area residents raised cattle and grew corn and cotton on the rich
11 Blackland Prairie; crops were then shipped to market by rail or
12 wagon from Hewitt; and

13 WHEREAS, The town was incorporated in 1960, and the
14 population began to grow as people who worked in nearby Waco bought
15 homes there; during the 1980s, Hewitt was the fastest-growing town
16 in McLennan County, and it remains the second largest community in
17 the county; and

18 WHEREAS, Today, Hewitt continues to grow and thrive; in 2009,
19 it was named one of the top 100 places to live in the United States
20 by *Money* magazine, recognized for its economic opportunity, good
21 schools, safe streets, and affordable homes; and

22 WHEREAS, Celebrating their past even as they look forward to
23 a bright future, the people of Hewitt may take great pride in the
24 charm and vitality of their unique community; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize January 25, 2011, as Hewitt Day at the
3 State Capitol and extend to the delegation sincere best wishes for a
4 productive and enjoyable visit to Austin.