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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many notable citizens of Lubbock are visiting Austin
2 on January 25, 2011, to pay tribute to their city's rich heritage
3 and to celebrate Lubbock Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, A thriving region of the state, the Lubbock area is
5 one of the oldest inhabited places in Texas; archeologists have
6 discovered evidence of some 12,000 years of continuous habitation
7 at the Lubbock Lake Landmark site, a national historic and state
8 archeological preserve; and

9 WHEREAS, The City of Lubbock was incorporated more than 100
10 years ago on March 16, 1909; the railroads stimulated the city's
11 growth as a trade center, but residents also wanted the benefits of
12 an institution of higher learning; when legislation creating Texas
13 Technological College was finally passed in 1923, the site
14 selection committee, impressed by the enthusiasm and hospitality of
15 its citizens, chose Lubbock for its location; and

16 WHEREAS, Today a city of approximately 220,000 people,
17 Lubbock is home to the Texas Tech University System and its flagship
18 institution, Texas Tech University, a university well deserving of
19 tier one status; and

20 WHEREAS, Lubbock enjoys a diverse economy that draws its
21 strength from agribusiness, manufacturing, and commerce, as well as
22 from educational and medical facilities, boasting the largest
23 medical infrastructure between Dallas and Phoenix; with the growth
24 of cotton culture on the High Plains, Lubbock has become one of the

1 world's primary centers for the processing of cottonseed and hybrid
2 grain sorghum seed; and

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

8 WHEREAS, Those wanting a glimpse of the frontier can find it
9 in the restored structures at the Ranching Heritage Center, a
10 15-acre site tracing the evolution of ranch architecture and the
11 history of the cattle industry; the region's history is also
12 celebrated at the American Museum of Agriculture; and

13 WHEREAS, The talented musicians who have come from the
14 Lubbock area include Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison, the Maines family,
15 Virgil Johnson and the Velvets, Waylon Jennings, Tanya Tucker, Joe
16 Ely, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, and Butch Hancock; their rich and diverse
17 contributions have earned Lubbock recognition as "The Music
18 Crossroads of Texas"; and

19 WHEREAS, Lubbock's business community is represented by the
20 largest business federation on the Texas South Plains, the Lubbock
21 Chamber of Commerce, which is one of fewer than 70 chambers of
22 commerce to be accredited at the five star level by the U.S. Chamber
23 of Commerce; and

24 WHEREAS, Among the delegation visiting the Capitol today are
25 proud members of the Leadership Lubbock Class of 2010-2011 and
26 Focus Lubbock Class of 2010-2011, who represent the future business
27 and community leaders of Lubbock; and

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Lubbock have truly kept faith with
2 the founders of their West Texas community; renowned for their
3 friendliness and warmth as well as their hardiness and
4 determination, they have helped to build a vital urban center that
5 serves not only a large part of West Texas but also eastern New
6 Mexico; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize January 25, 2011, as Lubbock Day at
9 the State Capitol and extend to the members of the visiting
10 delegation and all their fellow citizens sincere appreciation for
11 the bright luster they add to the Lone Star State.