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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Mission are gathering in Austin on
2 February 16, 2011, to celebrate Mission Day at the State Capitol;
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4 WHEREAS, The city of Mission was founded in 1908, the year the
5 Missouri Pacific Railroad established a station in the area, and
6 the city was named for La Lomita Mission, which was located nearby;
7 since then, Mission has grown to be a thriving city with a
8 population of more than 65,000 people; and

9 WHEREAS, The first citrus trees in the Rio Grande Valley were
10 planted in the Mission area; today, the citrus industry is a
11 multimillion-dollar business and is celebrated each year at the
12 Citrus Fiesta; and

13 WHEREAS, Mission was immortalized in Larry McMurtry's novel
14 and miniseries, *Lonesome Dove*, and notable residents have included
15 the late United States Senator and Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen
16 and former United States Congressman Kika de la Garza; moreover,
17 Mission was the childhood home of Tom Landry and a second home to
18 Governor Allan Shivers and to William Jennings Bryan; and

19 WHEREAS, Mission Day at the Capitol provides an opportunity
20 to honor the city's heritage and its many charms, which are enjoyed
21 by residents and vacationers alike; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize February 16, 2011, as Mission Day at
24 the State Capitol and extend best wishes to the members of the

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1 visiting delegation for an enjoyable and memorable stay in Austin.