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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Motor Transportation  
2 Association and the Southwest Movers Association have traveled to  
3 Austin on February 16, 2011, to celebrate Trucking Day at the State  
4 Capitol; and

5           WHEREAS, Nearly 600,000 people are employed by the trucking  
6 industry in Texas, which accounts for 1 out of every 15 jobs in the  
7 state; in addition, there are more than 20,000 trucking companies  
8 registered with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles and  
9 approximately one million commercial vehicles operating daily in  
10 the Lone Star State; and

11           WHEREAS, Trucks transport nearly 81 percent of all the  
12 state's manufactured commodities, delivering necessary products to  
13 every Texas community, more than 82 percent of which rely  
14 exclusively on these motor carriers for their goods; the trucking  
15 industry further benefits the economy by generating over \$31.1  
16 billion in annual salaries and paying almost \$3.1 billion in state  
17 and federal highway taxes and fees; trucking also pays 40 percent of  
18 all motorists' taxes and fees while representing 12 percent of all  
19 vehicle miles traveled in Texas; and

20           WHEREAS, Safety has long been a priority of the motor carrier  
21 industry, and this focus is showing positive results with the large  
22 truck fatality rate at its lowest point since the U.S. Department of  
23 Transportation began keeping such records, registering a 64 percent  
24 decline since 1975; the Texas Motor Transportation Association

1 complies with the nation's environmental regulations and offers a  
2 variety of educational programs aimed at both the industry and the  
3 motoring public; the organization also supports a safety  
4 certification program, an industry-funded commercial motor vehicle  
5 initiative designed to promote more secure travel on Texas  
6 highways; and

7         WHEREAS, The trucking industry is a vital part of the Texas  
8 economy; primarily composed of locally owned small businesses that  
9 are, in turn, served by an array of supporting businesses, the  
10 industry provides an invaluable service and employs many proud  
11 Texans; now, therefore, be it

12         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
13 Legislature hereby recognize February 16, 2011, as Trucking Day at  
14 the State Capitol and extend to all those associated with the event  
15 sincere best wishes for a memorable visit to Austin.