

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of the Texas Panhandle are gathering in
2 Austin on February 22, 2011, to pay tribute to their region's rich
3 heritage and to celebrate Panhandle Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, One of the oldest inhabited areas of Texas, where
5 vast grasslands once thrived, the Panhandle is crossed by the
6 Canadian and Red Rivers, rests over the southern tip of the Ogallala
7 Aquifer, and offers breathtaking views of Palo Duro Canyon; in the
8 1880s, three million acres of Panhandle land that was traded by the
9 state to finance construction of a new Texas Capitol became known as
10 the XIT Ranch; and

11 WHEREAS, Ranching became central to the Panhandle's culture
12 and economy in the late 19th century, and the arrival of the
13 railroads and dryland farming techniques expanded the role of wheat
14 and cotton farming; the discovery of oil and natural gas in the
15 1920s further diversified the economic base, and today, ranching,
16 farming, and the petroleum industry continue to be important to the
17 region; and

18 WHEREAS, Amarillo, in Potter and Randall Counties, is
19 essential to the prosperity of the Panhandle with Tyson Foods, Bell
20 Helicopter, B&W Pantex, and two health care systems all serving as
21 major employers; in addition to the city of Hereford, which is
22 regarded by many as the "Beef Capital of the World," other bedrock
23 communities in the Panhandle include Borger, Cactus, Canyon,
24 Childress, Clarendon, Dalhart, Dumas, Groom, Gruver, Pampa,

1 Panhandle, Plainview, Skellytown, Stratford, Texhoma, and
2 Whitedeer; and

3 WHEREAS, The Panhandle is home to such premier educational
4 institutions as the Texas Tech University System, with its schools
5 of medicine and pharmacy, and West Texas A&M University, both of
6 which boast nationally recognized programs and faculty; Amarillo
7 College and South Plains College continue to be among the finest
8 community colleges in the country, and Wayland Baptist University,
9 Frank Phillips College, and Clarendon College also offer an
10 outstanding education; and

11 WHEREAS, Visitors and residents alike enjoy a range of
12 attractions, including the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, the
13 largest history museum in Texas, as well as the Amarillo Museum of
14 Art, the public art installation Cadillac Ranch, and the American
15 Quarter Horse Association's international headquarters; other
16 cultural assets include the Lone Star Ballet and the Amarillo
17 Symphony; and

18 WHEREAS, Renowned for their hospitality, strong work ethic,
19 and resilience, the citizens of the Texas Panhandle may take great
20 pride in all they have done to make their region one of the
21 treasures of the Lone Star State, and it is a pleasure to pay
22 tribute to the Panhandle of Texas and the region's fine residents;
23 now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize February 22, 2011, as Panhandle Day at
3 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting guests sincere best
4 wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.

Price
Smithee
Chisum
Landtroop

Straus	Gonzales of Williamson	Morrison
Aliseda	Gonzalez	Munoz, Jr.
Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Nash
Anchia	Hamilton	Oliveira
Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
Darby	Kuempel	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Landtroop	Smith of Tarrant
J. Davis of Harris	Larson	Smithee
S. Davis of Harris	Laubenberg	Solomons
Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
Driver	Legler	Taylor of Collin
Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
Eiland	Lucio III	Torres
Eissler	Lyne	Truitt
Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Miles	Workman
Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 504 was adopted by the House on February 22, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House