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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of the city of West are coming to Austin on
2 March 2, 2011, to celebrate West Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, Established at its present site in 1881 and
4 officially becoming West nine years later, this small but vibrant
5 community, which was named after farmer, postmaster, and
6 businessman Thomas West, retains many of the same charms that drew
7 people to the area more than 100 years ago; and

8 WHEREAS, Among those attracted to this rich farmland were
9 Czech immigrants who farmed the land, opened businesses, shared
10 their European culture, and planted roots that are now indelibly
11 woven into the identity of West; and

12 WHEREAS, The people of West embrace this heritage, making it
13 known and officially designated as the Czech Heritage Capital of
14 the State of Texas and informally calling it the "Czech Point of
15 Central Texas"; West is the place to be on Labor Day weekend for the
16 annual tradition of Westfest, a celebration of Old World foods,
17 music, arts and crafts, and many other activities; the city is also
18 renowned for its tasty kolaches, the absence of which was mightily
19 felt when the previously scheduled West Day at the State Capitol
20 this session was canceled due to bad weather; and

21 WHEREAS, Home to nearly 3,000 people, West is a small town
22 with a big can-do attitude; whether it's for the food, a trip to the
23 Katy Depot Museum, or specialty shopping, the residents of West
24 have much to make them proud; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize March 2, 2011, as West Day at the State
3 Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes
4 for an enjoyable and memorable visit to Austin.