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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Victoria are gathering in Austin
2 on March 8, 2011, to celebrate Victoria Day at the State Capitol;
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4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1824 by Martin de Leon, the city was named
5 Guadalupe Victoria after the first president of Mexico; it was
6 renamed Victoria after the Texas Revolution and incorporated under
7 the Republic of Texas in 1839; and

8 WHEREAS, Later that century, Victoria became a major junction
9 on the routes between San Antonio, Austin, northern Mexico, and the
10 ports of the Gulf Coast, and at the same time developed into a
11 center for ranching; one of the first meat-packing plants was
12 established there in 1869; and

13 WHEREAS, Today agribusiness, the petrochemical industry, and
14 tourism all contribute to the city's prosperity; in addition,
15 Victoria is an educational and cultural hub for the Coastal Bend;
16 students benefit from the outstanding teachers and scholars of
17 Victoria College and the University of Houston--Victoria, while
18 patrons delight in the annual seasons of the Victoria Ballet
19 Theatre, the Victoria Symphony, and Theatre Victoria, as well as
20 the exhibitions of contemporary art at the Nave Museum; and

21 WHEREAS, Victoria's rich history is evoked in artifacts
22 showcased at the Museum of the Coastal Bend and by the Romanesque
23 Revival architecture of the Victoria County Courthouse and the
24 O'Connor-Proctor Building; moreover, De Leon Plaza, one of four

1 public squares set aside by the city's founder, is filled with
2 monuments and memorials; other popular attractions include the
3 Texas Zoo, featuring more than 150 native animals, Riverside Park,
4 with more than 560 acres of woodland, and Fossati's Delicatessen,
5 the oldest deli in Texas; and

6 WHEREAS, Combining the best qualities of small-town life with
7 all the advantages of a thriving mid-size city, Victoria is one of
8 the treasures of the Lone Star State, and its appealing mix of
9 history and culture make it an excellent place to live, work, and
10 raise a family; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize March 8, 2011, as Victoria Day at the
13 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best
14 wishes for a meaningful and memorable visit to Austin.