

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 181**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the citizens of Waco who have come to Austin to celebrate Waco Day at the State Capitol on February 9, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Founded in 1849, Waco played a central role in the development of the Lone Star State in the 1800s; it served as a center for cotton farming, as a stopping point for the cowboys on the Chisholm Trail, and as a thriving transportation and marketing hub; by the mid-1900s, it had grown into an important manufacturing center, and in recent decades, other sectors such as health care and aerospace have made significant contributions to the local economy; tourism is also a factor in the region's prosperity; residents and visitors alike are drawn to attractions such as the Texas Sports Hall of Fame and the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame and Museum; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout its history, institutions of higher education have been a key element in Waco's success; Baylor University has been a part of the city since 1887, and Texas State Technical College and McLennan Community College have further enhanced the town's reputation as a place of learning and innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, During the United States presidency of George W. Bush, Waco was home to the White House Press Center, which provided briefing and office facilities for the press corps when President Bush was at the "Western White House," his ranch in Crawford, 20 miles west of Waco; and

**WHEREAS**, A fitting symbol of the City of Waco's forward-thinking attitude is the new home of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, which opened in June of 2008 and was specifically designed to qualify for gold-level certification from the United States Green Building Council, incorporating a range of innovative features to create an environmentally sensitive landmark that serves as a model for additional sustainable construction projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Area residents take great pleasure in the city's high quality of life and the scenic surroundings of Lake Waco, and they continue to make vital contributions to the Lone Star State as they look forward to a promising future; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby recognize February 9, 2011, as Waco Day at the State Capitol and extend to those who have come to celebrate this day a warm welcome and best wishes for a memorable and productive visit to Austin; and, be it further

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**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as a memento of this special day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 7, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate