

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 296

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome the representatives of the City of West who have come to Austin to celebrate West Day at the State Capitol on March 2, 2011; and

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

WHEREAS, Czech immigrants were among those attracted to this fertile area, where they established farms, opened businesses, and maintained the culture and heritage that are now an intrinsic part of the identity of West; and

WHEREAS, The people of West embrace this heritage, making it known and officially designated as the Czech Heritage Capital of the State of Texas and informally calling it the "Czech Point of Central Texas"; West is the place to be on Labor Day weekend for the annual tradition of Westfest, a festival with many activities celebrating Old World foods, music, and arts and crafts; and

WHEREAS, Home to nearly 3,000 people, West is a small town with a big reputation for food, friendliness, and festivities, and its residents can take pride in the city's many contributions to the heritage of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby recognize March 2, 2011, as West Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable visit to Austin; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the citizens of West 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 17, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate