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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many notable citizens of Lubbock are visiting Austin
2 on February 26, 2013, to pay tribute to their city's rich heritage
3 and to celebrate Lubbock Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The City of Lubbock was incorporated more than 100
5 years ago, on March 16, 1909; the railroads stimulated the city's
6 growth as a trade center, but residents also wanted the benefits of
7 an institution of higher learning; when legislation creating Texas
8 Technological College was finally passed in 1923, the site
9 selection committee, impressed by the enthusiasm and hospitality of
10 the citizens of Lubbock, chose that city for the college's
11 location; and

12 WHEREAS, Today a community of approximately 230,000 people,
13 Lubbock is home to the Texas Tech University System and its
14 flagship, Texas Tech University, an institution well deserving of
15 its tier one status; it enjoys a diverse economy that draws its
16 strength from agribusiness, manufacturing, and commerce, as well as
17 from educational and medical facilities, boasting the largest
18 medical infrastructure between Dallas and Phoenix; with the growth
19 of cotton culture on the High Plains, Lubbock has become one of the
20 world's primary centers for the processing of cottonseed and hybrid
21 grain sorghum seed; and

22 WHEREAS, This bustling city also offers a wealth of cultural
23 and recreational opportunities, including the Lubbock Symphony
24 Orchestra, the Lubbock Civic Ballet, and the museum and planetarium

1 at Texas Tech University; those wanting a glimpse of the frontier
2 can find it in the restored structures at the university's National
3 Ranching Heritage Center, a 27-acre site tracing the evolution of
4 ranch architecture and the history of the cattle industry; the
5 region's history is also celebrated at the American Museum of
6 Agriculture; and

7 WHEREAS, The talented musicians who have come from the
8 Lubbock area include Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison, the Maines family,
9 Virgil Johnson and the Velvets, Waylon Jennings, Tanya Tucker, Joe
10 Ely, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, and Butch Hancock; their rich and diverse
11 contributions have earned Lubbock recognition as "The Music
12 Crossroads of Texas"; and

13 WHEREAS, Representing Lubbock's thriving business community
14 is the largest business federation on the Texas South Plains, the
15 Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, which marks its centennial in 2013;
16 through the past 100 years, this important organization has helped
17 guard and enhance the prosperity of Lubbock, and in so doing, it has
18 played a pivotal role in the city's history; and

19 WHEREAS, Among numerous early achievements, the chamber
20 recruited farmers to cultivate the fertile soils of the Llano
21 Estacado, worked to bring the railroad to Lubbock, founded the
22 South Plains Fair, and drafted the application to the Texas Capitol
23 that resulted in the creation of Texas Technological College; it
24 was also instrumental in establishing Lubbock Preston Smith
25 International Airport, Reese Air Force Base, an outstanding
26 transportation infrastructure, and a market-driven Employer Health
27 Care Plan that is a model nationwide; and

1 WHEREAS, The Lubbock Chamber is capping off this century-long
2 legacy by overseeing Imagine Lubbock Together, a community-based
3 effort to build a road map for the city's future; today, it remains
4 only one of approximately 70 organizations to be accredited at the
5 five-star level by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and it has twice
6 been named Chamber of the Year by the American Chamber of Commerce
7 Executives; and

8 WHEREAS, The delegation visiting the Capitol today includes
9 proud members of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Leadership Lubbock
10 Class of 2012-2013, who represent the future business and civic
11 leaders of this community; and

12 WHEREAS, Renowned for their friendliness and warmth as well
13 as their hardiness and determination, the citizens of Lubbock have
14 helped to build a vital urban center that serves not only a large
15 part of West Texas but also eastern New Mexico, and they may take
16 great pride in their accomplishments as they work toward an even
17 brighter future; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
19 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2013, as Lubbock Day at
20 the State Capitol and extend to the members of the visiting
21 delegation and all their fellow citizens sincere appreciation for
22 the bright luster they add to the Lone Star State.