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H.R. No. 471

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize February 21, 2013, as Viva San Antonio Day at the State
3 Capitol and welcome the visiting delegation from the Alamo City;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The history of San Antonio can be traced back to
6 1691, when a group of Spanish explorers and missionaries came upon a
7 river and named it San Antonio, in honor of Saint Anthony, whose
8 feast day was being celebrated; and

9 WHEREAS, The city was founded in 1718 by Father Antonio
10 Olivares; he established Mission San Antonio de Valero, which would
11 become etched in the annals of history in 1836 as the Alamo, the
12 site where 189 brave individuals held the mission for 13 days
13 against an army of some 4,000 Mexican soldiers; and

14 WHEREAS, The cry "Remember the Alamo" became the rallying
15 point of the Texas Revolution; today, the Alamo is a shrine and
16 museum and is widely recognized as the cradle of Texas liberty; and

17 WHEREAS, San Antonio became formally incorporated in 1837,
18 when the fledgling Republic of Texas granted the city a charter; the
19 city has since retained its sense of history and tradition while
20 carefully blending in cosmopolitan progress; it has served and
21 continues to serve as a crossroads and a meeting place, where the
22 rich sounds and cultural influences of Native Americans, Old
23 Mexico, Germans, the Wild West, African Americans, and the Deep
24 South mingle and merge; and

1 WHEREAS, The city has a proud military heritage; great
2 military figures like Pershing, Stilwell, Krueger, LeMay,
3 Chennault, and Eisenhower served at San Antonio military
4 institutions, including Fort Sam Houston, the headquarters for the
5 U.S. Army North and U.S. Army South and Randolph Air Force Base, the
6 home of Air Education Training Command; in addition, San Antonio is
7 the site of Lackland Air Force Base, the largest training wing in
8 the United States Air Force, and the San Antonio Military Health
9 System, which oversees all U.S. military medical training; and

10 WHEREAS, Recent years have brought remarkable economic
11 development to San Antonio as its skilled workforce, excellent
12 institutions of public and higher education, and quality of life
13 have attracted some important corporate business and industry to
14 the city; and

15 WHEREAS, The city's chambers of commerce serve as leading
16 advocates for the business community and are dedicated to building
17 and sustaining San Antonio's diverse and prosperous economy; their
18 efforts have been focused in the area's major local industries,
19 including health care, manufacturing, aerospace, information
20 technology, and cybersecurity; and

21 WHEREAS, Millions of visitors a year delight in the discovery
22 of San Antonio; in addition to the Alamo, highlights include La
23 Villita, San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio Missions Trail, and
24 the famed Paseo del Rio, better known as "The Riverwalk"; among the
25 other attractions that make San Antonio one of the top tourist
26 destinations in the country are SeaWorld San Antonio and the Six
27 Flags Fiesta Texas theme park as well as the PGA Tour Valero Texas

1 Open, the Alamo Bowl, and the four-time world champion San Antonio
2 Spurs; and

3 WHEREAS, In April 2013, the city will once again celebrate
4 Fiesta San Antonio, the biggest 11-day party in the state; first
5 held 120 years ago, the event was founded by a group of ladies who
6 decorated horse-drawn carriages for a parade in front of the Alamo
7 and battled with flower blossoms instead of bullets to honor the
8 heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto; and

9 WHEREAS, San Antonio is truly one of the treasures of the Lone
10 Star State, and Viva San Antonio Day provides a welcome opportunity
11 to honor the city and its many fine residents; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize February 21, 2013, as Viva San Antonio
14 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the members of the visiting
15 delegation best wishes for a memorable visit.