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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Graham and members of the city's
2 chamber of commerce are gathering in Austin on February 26, 2013, to
3 celebrate Graham Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated in the North Texas hill country, the Graham
5 area was originally part of Fort Belknap, the northern anchor of a
6 series of U.S. Army forts built to protect the Texas frontier; the
7 fort was decommissioned in 1859, and the town of Graham was
8 officially established in 1872, taking its name from the two
9 industrious brothers who first settled it, Gustavous and Edwin
10 Graham; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, Graham is the county seat of Young County,
12 and its nearly 9,000 citizens enjoy the best of small-town living
13 with city conveniences; the rugged terrain of the region, with its
14 dense woods, cultivated fields, and creeks, provides the backdrop
15 for one of the best game hunting areas in Texas, while the city's
16 perfectly groomed golf courses are also considered among the finest
17 in the state; and

18 WHEREAS, Visitors and residents alike can enjoy a myriad of
19 activities throughout the region, including fishing at the
20 connected lakes, Lake Graham and Lake Eddleman, taking a walking
21 tour through the city's historic town square, one of the largest in
22 America, and watching a film underneath the summer sky at the
23 drive-in movie theater; and

24 WHEREAS, The city also boasts a vibrant oil and gas industry,

1 which dates back to the founding Graham brothers, who drilled one of
2 the first gas wells in Texas after having stumbled upon it while
3 looking for salt water; to invest in the future of the industry and
4 the area's workforce, North Central Texas College now offers a new
5 and groundbreaking curriculum in oil and gas technology; and

6 WHEREAS, Graham's city council is similarly invested in
7 forward-thinking policies to ensure the area's success, including
8 investing in major water treatment and distribution projects and
9 hospital technology; the arts are also a priority, and renovation
10 of the historic Graham Memorial Auditorium, which was built in 1929
11 to honor veterans of World War I, is ongoing; and

12 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to their community and to the history
13 that has shaped them, residents of Graham may reflect with pride on
14 the many contributions they have made toward building a vibrant
15 future for their families and neighbors; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2013, as Graham Day at
18 the State Capitol.