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H.R. No. 677

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On March 13, 2013, dignitaries and citizens from the
2 city of West are coming to Austin to celebrate West Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

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

9 WHEREAS, Among those attracted to this rich farmland were
10 Czech immigrants who farmed the land, opened businesses, shared
11 their European culture, and planted roots that are now indelibly
12 woven into the identity of West; and

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

19 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, West has become a premier stop
20 for travelers on the I-35 corridor between Dallas and Austin, due to
21 the bakeries that lure visitors with the promise of kolaches,
22 delicious Czech pastries filled with sweet and savory ingredients;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Home to nearly 3,000 people, West is a small town

1 with a big can-do attitude; whether it's for the food, the
2 friendliness, or the largest spring-fed pool in the Lone Star
3 State, residents of West have much to make them proud; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize March 13, 2013, as West Day at the
7 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best
8 wishes for an enjoyable and memorable visit to Austin.