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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many distinguished business and civic leaders from
2 Round Rock are gathering in Austin on April 18, 2013, to celebrate
3 Round Rock Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Round Rock was founded in 1848, when Jacob
5 M. Harrell, a blacksmith from Austin, settled on the site on the
6 north bank of Brushy Creek, which was the town's original name; in
7 1854, Thomas C. Oatts, the first postmaster, was asked by postal
8 officials to submit another name, and the name was changed to Round
9 Rock, after an anvil-shaped limestone rock the two men regularly
10 fished from in the creek; the growing town soon became a stop on the
11 Chisholm Trail, and in 1878 the legendary outlaw Sam Bass was shot
12 and eventually died in Round Rock after attempting to rob the local
13 bank; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, Round Rock is a dynamic city of 105,000
15 people, and its young and highly educated workforce, effective city
16 government, and affordable cost of living have helped to draw two
17 Fortune 500 companies to the community; Dell employs 12,000 people,
18 while Emerson Process Management, a division of Emerson Electric,
19 brought 750 new jobs to the city in February 2012; and

20 WHEREAS, The city benefits from its close proximity to Austin
21 and its efficient access to the major distribution and population
22 centers of Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio; it is home to campuses
23 of Austin Community College, Texas State University, the Art
24 Institute, and the Texas A&M Health Science Center, the first

1 medical school in Central Texas; baseball fans from around the
2 region delight in gathering at Dell Diamond to attend games of the
3 Round Rock Express, the triple-A affiliate of the Texas Rangers;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Round Rock has earned a number of national accolades
6 in recent years; it has been ranked one of the fastest growing
7 cities in America by the U.S. Census Bureau and MSN Real Estate, and
8 according to statistics from the FBI, it is the 11th safest city
9 with a population greater than 100,000 people in the nation; CNBC
10 rated it eighth in its list of Top 10 Perfect Suburbs, and *Family*
11 *Circle* placed it among the magazine's Top 10 Towns for Families;
12 moreover, Williamson County has been named the healthiest county in
13 Texas, and in 2012 the Texas Municipal Utility Association
14 presented the city with an Outstanding Municipal Utility Award; and

15 WHEREAS, On April 27, 2013, Round Rock will commemorate the
16 centennial of its incorporation with a citywide celebration; that
17 event will provide its citizens with another opportunity to reflect
18 on their community's rich and colorful past while appreciating the
19 thriving and welcoming city that it has become; now, therefore, be
20 it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize April 18, 2013, as Round Rock Day at
23 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
24 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable visit.