

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 338

**WHEREAS**, On March 13, 2013, dignitaries and citizens from the City of West are coming to Austin to celebrate West Day at the State Capitol; and

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Home to nearly 3,000 people, West is a small town with a big can-do attitude; whether it's for the food, the friendliness, or the largest spring-fed pool in the Lone Star State, residents of West have much to make them proud; now, therefore, be it

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on March 4, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate