

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On February 18, 2015, citizens from the city of West
2 are coming to Austin to celebrate West Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, Established at its present site in 1881, the town
4 was named West nine years later in honor of farmer, postmaster, and
5 businessman Thomas West; the area's rich soil attracted Czech
6 immigrants who farmed the land, opened businesses, shared their
7 European culture, and planted roots that are now indelibly woven
8 into the identity of West; and

9 WHEREAS, The courage and resilience of early pioneers became
10 enduring characteristics of the community; in the wake of the
11 tragic West Fertilizer Company plant explosion that devastated the
12 town in 2013, citizens came together to comfort and support one
13 another; dozens of homes have since been rebuilt, and progress
14 continues on other construction projects, including a \$50 million
15 campus for the middle and high schools; and

16 WHEREAS, Determined to maintain a cherished way of life, the
17 people of West have united to move forward while holding fast to the
18 traditions that make the city unique; West is widely known and
19 officially designated as the Czech Heritage Capital of the State of
20 Texas, and it is informally referred to as the "Czech Point of
21 Central Texas"; it is the place to be on Labor Day weekend for the
22 annual tradition of Westfest, a celebration of Old World foods,
23 music, arts and crafts, and numerous other activities; and

24 WHEREAS, West has long been a premier stop for travelers on

1 the I-35 corridor between Dallas and Austin, due to the bakeries
2 that lure visitors with the promise of kolaches, delicious Czech
3 pastries filled with sweet and savory ingredients; the city is home
4 to the Official Kolache of the Texas Legislature; and

5 WHEREAS, With a population of nearly 3,000 people, West is a
6 small and friendly town with a big can-do attitude, and residents
7 may indeed take pride in the many admirable qualities that have
8 defined their community since its inception; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 18, 2015, as West Day at the
11 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best
12 wishes for an enjoyable and informative visit to Austin.

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Straus	Guerra	Otto
Allen	Guillen	Paddie
Alonzo	Gutierrez	Parker
Alvarado	Harless	Paul
Anchia	Hernandez	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Herrero	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Howard	Phillips
Ashby	Huberty	Pickett
Aycock	Hughes	Price
Bell	Hunter	Raney
Blanco	Isaac	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Riddle
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rinaldi
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burns	Keough	Rodriguez of Travis
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Romero, Jr.
Button	King of Parker	Rose
Canales	King of Taylor	Sanford
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schaefer
Clardy	Klick	Schofield
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Dale	Laubenberg	Smith
Darby	Leach	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Springer
Deshotel	Lucio III	Stephenson
Dukes	Márquez	Stickland
Dutton	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Elkins	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Faircloth	McClendon	Tinderholt
Fallon	Menéndez	Turner of Collin
Farias	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Farney	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	VanDeaver
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White of Bell
Galindo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Geren	Murphy	Workman
Giddings	Murr	Wray
Goldman	Naishtat	Wu
Gonzales	Nevárez	Zedler
González	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 543

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 543 was adopted by the House on February 18, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House