

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize February 24, 2015, as VIVA San Antonio Day at the State
3 Capitol and to welcome the visiting delegation from the Alamo City;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The history of San Antonio can be traced back to
6 1691, when a group of Spanish explorers and missionaries came upon a
7 river and named it San Antonio, in honor of Saint Anthony, whose
8 feast day was being celebrated; and

9 WHEREAS, The city was founded in 1718 by Father Antonio
10 Olivares; he established Mission San Antonio de Valero, which would
11 become etched in the annals of history in 1836 as the Alamo, the
12 site where 189 brave individuals held the mission for 13 days
13 against an army of some 4,000 Mexican soldiers; the cry "Remember
14 the Alamo" became the rallying point of the Texas Revolution;
15 today, the Alamo is a shrine and museum and is widely recognized as
16 the cradle of Texas liberty; and

17 WHEREAS, San Antonio became formally incorporated in 1837,
18 when the fledgling Republic of Texas granted the city a charter; the
19 community has since retained its sense of history and tradition
20 while carefully blending in cosmopolitan progress; it continues to
21 serve as a crossroads and a meeting place, where the rich cultural
22 influences of Native Americans, Old Mexico, German immigrants, the
23 Wild West, African Americans, and the Deep South mingle and merge;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, The city has a proud military heritage; great
2 military figures like Pershing, Stilwell, Krueger, LeMay,
3 Chennault, and Eisenhower served at San Antonio military
4 institutions, including Fort Sam Houston, the headquarters for the
5 U.S. Army North and U.S. Army South, and Randolph Air Force Base,
6 the home of Air Education and Training Command; in addition, San
7 Antonio is the site of Lackland Air Force Base, the largest training
8 wing in the United States Air Force, and the San Antonio Military
9 Health System, home of all U.S. military medical training; and

10 WHEREAS, Recent years have brought remarkable economic
11 development to San Antonio as its skilled workforce, excellent
12 institutions of public and higher education, and high quality of
13 life have attracted important corporate businesses and industries
14 to the city; and

15 WHEREAS, The city's chambers of commerce serve as leading
16 advocates for the business community and are dedicated to building
17 and sustaining San Antonio's diverse and prosperous economy,
18 particularly in the major local industries of health care,
19 manufacturing, aerospace, information technology, and
20 cybersecurity; and

21 WHEREAS, Millions of visitors a year delight in visiting San
22 Antonio; in addition to the Alamo, highlights include La Villita,
23 San Fernando Cathedral, the San Antonio Missions Trail, and the
24 famed Paseo del Rio, better known as The Riverwalk; among the other
25 attractions that make San Antonio one of the top tourist
26 destinations in the country are SeaWorld San Antonio and the Six
27 Flags Fiesta Texas theme park as well as the PGA Tour Valero Texas

1 Open, the Alamo Bowl, and the five-time world champion San Antonio
2 Spurs; and

3 WHEREAS, In April 2015, the city will once again celebrate
4 Fiesta San Antonio, the biggest 11-day party in the state; first
5 held 120 years ago, the event was founded by a group of women who
6 decorated horse-drawn carriages for a parade in front of the Alamo
7 and battled with flower blossoms instead of bullets to honor the
8 heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto; and

9 WHEREAS, San Antonio is truly one of the treasures of the Lone
10 Star State, and VIVA San Antonio Day provides a welcome opportunity
11 to honor the city and its many fine residents; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize February 24, 2015, as VIVA San Antonio
14 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the members of the visiting
15 delegation best wishes for a memorable visit.

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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. 617

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 617 was adopted by the House on February 24, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House