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H.R. No. 617

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.