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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Mission are gathering in Austin on
2 March 5, 2015, to celebrate Mission Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, The city of Mission was founded in 1908, the year the
4 Missouri Pacific Railroad established a station in the area, and
5 the city was named for La Lomita Mission, which was located nearby;
6 since then, Mission has grown to be a thriving city with a
7 population of more than 81,000 people; and

8 WHEREAS, The first citrus trees in the Rio Grande Valley were
9 planted in the Mission area; today, the citrus industry is a
10 multimillion-dollar business and is celebrated each year at the
11 Texas Citrus Fiesta; and

12 WHEREAS, Mission was immortalized in Larry McMurtry's novel
13 and television miniseries, *Lonesome Dove*, and notable residents
14 have included the late United States senator and treasury secretary
15 Lloyd Bentsen and former United States congressman Kika de la
16 Garza; moreover, Mission was the childhood home of Tom Landry and a
17 second home to governor Allan Shivers and to three-time
18 presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan; and

19 WHEREAS, Recreational opportunities are abundant in Mission,
20 with such attractions as the National Butterfly Center, the World
21 Birding Center, Bentsen Rio Grande Valley State Park, and the
22 10-mile Mission Hike and Bike Trail; and

23 WHEREAS, Mission Day at the Capitol provides an opportunity
24 to honor the border city's heritage and its many charms, which are

1 enjoyed by residents and vacationers alike; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize March 5, 2015, as Mission Day at the
4 State Capitol and extend best wishes to the members of the visiting
5 delegation for an enjoyable and memorable stay in Austin.