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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of Preservation Texas are gathering in
2 Austin on March 19, 2015, in celebration of Preservation Texas Day
3 at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1985, Preservation Texas advocates for
5 the state's historic resources, and it is dedicated to protecting
6 our material and cultural heritage, including places, buildings,
7 artifacts, and documents; and

8 WHEREAS, This noteworthy organization also raises awareness
9 of the enormous economic benefits of conserving vital connections
10 to the past; a major industry, historic preservation creates jobs,
11 including well-paying positions for skilled craftspeople, and
12 encourages investment in smaller towns and in the historic
13 districts of larger cities; heritage tourism increases revenue
14 through higher property values as well as the collection of sales
15 taxes and hotel-motel taxes, and in 2013, preservation activities
16 in Texas generated more than \$4.6 billion in state gross domestic
17 product and sustained over 79,000 jobs; and

18 WHEREAS, For three decades, Preservation Texas has united the
19 efforts of individuals and organizations devoted to safeguarding a
20 priceless heritage for future generations, and its endeavors have
21 contributed immeasurably to the vibrancy and prosperity of the Lone
22 Star State; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
24 Legislature hereby recognize March 19, 2015, as Preservation Texas

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1 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting organization
2 members sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay
3 in Austin.