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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 February 21, 2017, to celebrate Mission Day at the State Capitol;  
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4 WHEREAS, The city of Mission was founded in 1908, the year the  
5 Missouri Pacific Railroad established a station in the area, and  
6 the city was named for La Lomita Mission, which was located nearby;  
7 since then, Mission has grown to be a thriving city with a  
8 population of more than 83,000 people; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, Recreational opportunities are abundant in Mission,  
21 with such attractions as the National Butterfly Center, the World  
22 Birding Center, Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park, and the  
23 10-mile Mission Hike and Bike Trail; and

24 WHEREAS, Mission Day at the Capitol provides an opportunity

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1 to honor the border city's heritage and its many charms, which are  
2 enjoyed by residents and vacationers alike; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby recognize February 21, 2017, as Mission Day at  
5 the State Capitol and extend best wishes to the members of the  
6 visiting delegation for an enjoyable and memorable stay in Austin.