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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Waco are gathering in Austin on  
2 March 15, 2017, to celebrate Waco Day at the State Capitol; and

3           WHEREAS, Surveyor George B. Erath laid out the first block of  
4 Waco in 1849, and lots were sold for five dollars each; named Waco  
5 Village after the Huaco Indians who originally inhabited the area,  
6 the new town was selected as the seat of McLennan County in 1850 and  
7 incorporated as Waco in 1856; and

8           WHEREAS, After the Civil War, Waco became an important stop  
9 on a spur of the Chisholm Trail, and by the early 1870s, more than  
10 600,000 head of cattle had been driven through the area; the  
11 railroad arrived in 1871, and the city subsequently became a  
12 debarkation point for settlers heading west, as well as a shipping  
13 hub for cotton, wool, and hides; and

14           WHEREAS, Waco today is home to the renowned Baylor  
15 University, and McLennan Community College and Texas State  
16 Technical College further reflect the importance of education to  
17 the area; the city's economy is supported by the forward-thinking  
18 efforts of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, which works to  
19 foster a range of industries, including aerospace, advanced  
20 manufacturing, and health care; and

21           WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike delight in such  
22 attractions as the Cameron Park Zoo, Art Center Waco, and Homestead  
23 Heritage Traditional Crafts Village; Waco is also home to three  
24 uniquely Texan institutions, the Dr Pepper Museum, the Texas Ranger

1 Hall of Fame and Museum, and the Texas Sports Hall of Fame; Lake  
2 Waco, the scenic riverwalk along the Brazos, and the 416-acre  
3 Cameron Park offer further recreational opportunities; moreover,  
4 the annual Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo in Waco has been a Central  
5 Texas tradition for more than six decades and features livestock  
6 shows, concerts, and carnival rides; and

7         WHEREAS, Boasting a rich history, thriving educational and  
8 cultural institutions, and a dynamic business community, Waco has  
9 established itself as an outstanding place to live and work, and its  
10 citizens may indeed take pride in their city's ongoing  
11 achievements; now, therefore, be it

12         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 15, 2017, as Waco Day at the  
14 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best  
15 wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.