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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Jacksonville Leadership Institute
2 and the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce are gathering in Austin on
3 February 28, 2017, to celebrate Jacksonville Leadership Day at the
4 State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, Now the largest city in Cherokee County,
6 Jacksonville was founded in 1847 along the banks of Gum Creek, and
7 it moved to its present location in 1872 to be closer to the
8 railroad; and

9 WHEREAS, The early economy centered around agriculture, and
10 Jacksonville was a leading center of peach production before
11 tomatoes turned into the primary crop; today, the Jacksonville
12 economy is supported by a diverse mix of industries, and business
13 leaders and employees benefit from a number of programs offered by
14 the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, including classes with the
15 Jacksonville Leadership Institute; and

16 WHEREAS, Education is an important part of the Jacksonville
17 community, and the Baptist Missionary Association Theological
18 Seminary is located there, as is Jacksonville College, one of the
19 last remaining private junior colleges in the state; additionally,
20 all eight campuses of the Jacksonville Independent School District
21 have been recipients of the highest rating from the Texas Education
22 Agency; and

23 WHEREAS, Home to numerous attractions, including Love's
24 Lookout Scenic Park and the Tomato Bowl football and soccer

1 stadium, Jacksonville has been called the Tomato Capital of the
2 World and it continues to celebrate that heritage with the annual
3 Tomato Festival; moreover, it has been recognized by the Guinness
4 Book of World Records for creating the Largest Bowl of Salsa; and

5 WHEREAS, Residents and visitors alike enjoy a number of
6 regular events, including the Spooktacular Bull Bash, the Tops in
7 Texas Rodeo, and the ATV Mud Nationals; furthermore, Lake
8 Jacksonville provides a naturally beautiful setting for camping,
9 boating, fishing, and other outdoor activities; and

10 WHEREAS, The citizens of Jacksonville are working to preserve
11 their rich history even as they look ahead to the opportunities of
12 the future, and they may take justifiable pride in their unique
13 contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore,
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2017, as Jacksonville
17 Leadership Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
18 delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable
19 stay in Austin.