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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents from the city of West are coming to
2 Austin on March 16, 2017, to celebrate West Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Established at its present site in 1881, the town
5 was named West nine years later after farmer, postmaster, and
6 businessman Thomas West; among those attracted to this vibrant
7 community were Czech immigrants who farmed the land, opened
8 businesses, shared their European culture, and planted roots that
9 are now indelibly woven into the identity of West; and

10 WHEREAS, The people of West embrace their history, and the
11 city is widely known and officially designated as the Czech
12 Heritage Capital of the State of Texas, and it is informally called
13 the "Czech Point of Central Texas"; additionally, it is the place to
14 be on Labor Day weekend for the annual tradition of Westfest, a
15 celebration of Old World foods, music, arts and crafts, and
16 numerous other activities; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the years, West has become a premier stop for
18 travelers on the I-35 corridor between Dallas and Austin, due to the
19 bakeries that attract visitors with the promise of kolaches,
20 delicious Czech pastries filled with sweet and savory ingredients;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, West is a small town with a big can-do attitude, and
23 its citizens may take great pride in their rich heritage as they
24 look forward to the opportunities of the future; now, therefore, be

1 it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize March 16, 2017, as West Day at the
4 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best
5 wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.