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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Distillers from across the state are gathering in 2 Austin on April 11, 2017, in celebration of Texas Distiller Day at 3 the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The craft spirit industry in Texas has experienced tremendous growth over the past two decades, with more than 90 permits for spirit manufacturing issued during that span; in 2015, the approximately 4.2 million cases of spirits produced in Texas represented over 11 percent of the state's total consumption of spirits, a significant increase from 5.4 percent just two years earlier; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2012, the Texas Distilled Spirits 11 12 Association serves as the official trade association for the state's distilled spirits community; the organization's membership 13 14 includes not only manufacturers but also companies that share a common interest in the industry and individuals who have a passion 15 16 for handcrafted spirits; as part of its advocacy efforts, the association leads a number of worthwhile education and marketing 17 initiatives; and 18

WHEREAS, Spirits are an important component of the Texas economy and a particular boon to commercial agriculture in the region, and it is indeed a pleasure to pay special tribute to distillers for their vital contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

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Legislature hereby recognize April 11, 2017, as Texas Distiller Day
at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable stay in Austin.