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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 300th anniversary of the founding of San Antonio
2 is being commemorated in 2018; and

3 WHEREAS, San Antonio's roots can be traced back to an
4 encampment known by local indigenous people as Yanaguana, which
5 meant "the clear water" in their native language; in the late 1600s,
6 Spanish explorers traveled through the area and gave it the name San
7 Antonio de Padua; the site, located halfway between northern Mexico
8 and Spanish settlements in East Texas, was subsequently chosen by
9 Spanish authorities for the establishment of a permanent community;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, On May 1, 1718, Martín de Alarcón, the governor of
12 Coahuila y Tejas, and Fray Antonio de San Buenaventura y Olivares
13 founded Mission San Antonio de Valero west of San Pedro Springs;
14 moved several times before its present site was chosen in 1724, the
15 mission would later become a fortress known as the Alamo; on May 5,
16 1718, the Spaniards also established a garrison, the Presidio San
17 Antonio de Béjar, to protect the new mission, and the soldiers'
18 families composed a rudimentary civilian settlement; four other
19 missions were planted in the area over the next decade and a half,
20 and when a group of Canary Islanders arrived in 1731, the civilian
21 settlement was organized as a villa, San Fernando de Béjar; the only
22 town in Texas to enjoy municipal status during Spanish rule, San
23 Fernando became the capital of Texas in 1773; following the Texas
24 Revolution, San Antonio, as the town was now called, was chartered

1 as the seat of Bexar County; and

2 WHEREAS, With the advent of the city's 300th anniversary in
3 2018, the San Antonio Tricentennial Celebration Commission has
4 partnered with hundreds of local organizations to plan a year of
5 festivities that emphasize history and education, community
6 service, and arts and culture, all culminating in a week of
7 commemorative events; and

8 WHEREAS, For three centuries, the Alamo City has played a
9 central role in the story of the Lone Star State, and it is a
10 pleasure to join its residents in celebrating this notable
11 milestone as they continue to build an even brighter future; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
14 Legislature hereby commemorate the 300th anniversary of the
15 founding of San Antonio and extend to its citizens sincere best
16 wishes for a memorable and meaningful tricentennial celebration;
17 and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the City of San Antonio as an expression of high regard
20 by the Texas House of Representatives.