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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Citizens of Victoria are gathering in Austin on February 26, 2019, to celebrate Victoria Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1824 by Martin De Leon, the city was named Guadalupe Victoria after the first president of Mexico; it was renamed Victoria following the Texas Revolution and incorporated under the Republic of Texas in 1839; later that century, Victoria became a major junction on the routes between San Antonio, Austin, northern Mexico, and the ports of the Gulf Coast, and at the same time developed into a center for ranching; commercial ventures became successful, and by the end of World War II it was one of the fastest-growing cities in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Today three major highways, railroads, and commercial airlines make the area easily accessible, as does its location on a barge canal connected to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway; in addition, Victoria is an educational and cultural hub; it has a symphony orchestra, a fine arts association, museums, libraries, and the Texas Zoo, which is home to more than 150 native Texas animals and plants; and

WHEREAS, The largest city in the Golden Crescent Region, Victoria serves as a health, education, government, and retail service center for a seven-county market area with a population of more than 200,000, and its economy thrives on the region's petrochemical industry, oil and gas exploration, retail trade, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Boasting the appeal of big-city convenience and small-town friendliness, Victoria is one of the treasures of the Lone Star State, and its citizens may indeed take great pride in the place they call home; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2019, as Victoria Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.