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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Mission are gathering in Austin on  
2 February 13, 2019, to celebrate Mission Day at the State Capitol;  
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4 WHEREAS, The city of Mission was founded in 1908, the year the  
5 Missouri Pacific Railroad established a station in the area, and  
6 the city was named for La Lomita Mission, which was located nearby;  
7 since then, Mission has grown to be a thriving city with a  
8 population of more than 84,000 people; and

9 WHEREAS, The first citrus trees in the Rio Grande Valley were  
10 planted in the Mission area; today, the citrus industry is a  
11 multimillion-dollar business and is celebrated each year at the  
12 Texas Citrus Fiesta; and

13 WHEREAS, A center for international trade and  
14 entrepreneurship, Mission is a partner of the Anzalduas  
15 International Bridge, which provides a vital trade and tourism  
16 connection to Mexico; several international manufacturers are  
17 located in Mission, including Stanley Black & Decker, Royal  
18 Technologies, and Southwest Steel Coil, and the city is also home to  
19 the Center for Education and Economic Development, a coworking  
20 facility managed by Mission EDC; and

21 WHEREAS, Recreational opportunities are abundant in Mission,  
22 with such attractions as the National Butterfly Center, the World  
23 Birding Center headquarters, Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park,  
24 and the 10-mile Mission Hike and Bike Trail; and

1           WHEREAS, Mission was immortalized in Larry McMurtry's novel  
2 and television miniseries, *Lonesome Dove*, and notable residents  
3 have included United States senator and treasury secretary Lloyd  
4 Bentsen and United States congressman Kika de la Garza; moreover,  
5 Mission was the childhood home of Tom Landry and a second home to  
6 Texas governor Allan Shivers and to three-time presidential  
7 candidate William Jennings Bryan; and

8           WHEREAS, Mission Day at the Capitol provides an opportunity  
9 to honor the border city's heritage and its many charms, which are  
10 enjoyed by residents and vacationers alike; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby recognize February 13, 2019, as Mission Day at  
13 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
14 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.