

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On February 18 and 19, 2019, proud residents of the  
2 Texas Panhandle are visiting Austin for Panhandle Days at the State  
3 Capitol, a celebration of the rich heritage of this important  
4 region of the Lone Star State; and

5           WHEREAS, The striking landscape of the Panhandle ranges from  
6 the vast grasslands and open sky of the Llano Estacado to the  
7 breathtaking vistas of Palo Duro Canyon and the Caprock Escarpment  
8 to the gently undulating rolling plains of the southeast; the  
9 ancient Paleo-Indians once lived here, as did members of later  
10 Native American cultures, and in 1541, when the explorer Francisco  
11 Vázquez de Coronado passed through the area, he found a rich  
12 rangeland, thick with buffalo; and

13           WHEREAS, The Panhandle's distinctive shape results from  
14 boundaries that were established by the Compromise of 1850, and in  
15 the decades after the Civil War, pioneering cattlemen such as  
16 Charles Goodnight, James Adair, and Thomas Sherman Bugbee  
17 established enormous ranching empires; the arrival of the railroad  
18 in the late 1880s hastened the development of wheat and cotton  
19 farming, and the discovery of oil and natural gas in the 1920s  
20 further boosted and diversified the region's economy; and

21           WHEREAS, Today, the Panhandle continues to prosper from  
22 farming and from the oil, gas, and wind industries, and  
23 cattle-raising remains a multibillion-dollar business, with more  
24 feedlots in the region than anywhere else in the nation; Amarillo,

1 the Panhandle's largest city, is home to such large employers as  
2 Xcel Energy, Tyson Foods, Bell Helicopter, Pantex, and several  
3 health care systems, as well as to the Texas Cattle Feeders  
4 Association; Pampa, the second-largest city, is a thriving center  
5 for petroleum and livestock, and Dalhart boasts the annual XIT  
6 Rodeo and Reunion and the Hilmar Cheese Company; Sunray is home to a  
7 Valero refinery, while Dumas and Hereford are known for cattle  
8 feeding and beef processing enterprises; the town of Panhandle  
9 serves as county seat of Carson County and is home to Panhandle  
10 Elementary School, a National Blue Ribbon School, and Borger is the  
11 site of a Phillips 66 refinery and a Nutrien nitrogen plant; and

12         WHEREAS, The educational needs of the Panhandle's residents  
13 are served by the nationally recognized Texas Tech University  
14 Health Sciences Center and West Texas A&M University, as well as  
15 Amarillo College, Frank Phillips College, and Clarendon College;  
16 and

17         WHEREAS, The Panhandle features a variety of notable cultural  
18 and recreational attractions; Amarillo supports the Lone Star  
19 Ballet and the Amarillo Symphony, and the city's many museums  
20 include the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame and Museum, the Don  
21 Harrington Discovery Center, the Texas Air and Space Museum, the  
22 Amarillo Railroad Museum, the Amarillo Museum of Art, and the  
23 Kwahadi Museum of the American Indian; the Panhandle-Plains  
24 Historical Museum in Canyon houses more than two million artifacts  
25 that evoke the heritage of the region, while Palo Duro Canyon State  
26 Park hosts the outdoor musical drama *Texas*, which portrays the  
27 struggles and triumphs of area settlers in the 19th century; Dumas

1 draws visitors from across the region for its Dogie Days every June,  
2 and Stratford, the county seat of Sherman County, hosts its popular  
3 Jamboree each July; and

4 WHEREAS, The people of the Texas Panhandle are blessed to  
5 live in a region of abundant natural resources and windswept  
6 beauty, and they may indeed take great pride in the important  
7 contributions they have made and continue to make to the history,  
8 culture, and prosperity of Texas; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 18 and 19, 2019, as Panhandle  
11 Days at the State Capitol and extend to those attending the  
12 celebration sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful  
13 event.

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King of Hemphill  
Springer

Bonnen of Brazoria	Guerra	Oliverson
Allen	Guillen	Ortega
Allison	Gutierrez	Pacheco
Anchia	Harless	Paddie
Anderson	Harris	Parker
Ashby	Hefner	Patterson
Bailes	Hernandez	Paul
Beckley	Herrero	Perez
Bell of Kaufman	Hinojosa	Phelan
Bell of Montgomery	Holland	Price
Bernal	Howard	Ramos
Biedermann	Huberty	Raney
Blanco	Hunter	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Galveston	E. Johnson of Dallas	Rodriguez
Bowers	J. Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Buckley	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Bucy	Kacal	Rosenthal
Burns	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Burrows	King of Parker	Schaefer
Button	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Cain	Klick	Sheffield
Calanni	Krause	Sherman, Sr.
Canales	Kuempel	Shine
Capriglione	Lambert	Smith
Clardy	Landgraf	Smithee
Cole	Lang	Springer
Coleman	Larson	Stephenson
Collier	Leach	Stickland
Cortez	Leman	Stucky
Craddick	Longoria	Swanson
Cyrier	Lozano	Talarico
Darby	Lucio III	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Metcalf	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Meyer	Toth
Dominguez	Meza	Turner of Dallas
Dutton	Middleton	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miller	VanDeaver
Fierro	Minjarez	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Geren	Murphy	Wray
Gervin-Hawkins	Murr	Wu
Goldman	Neave	Zedler
González of Dallas	Nevárez	Zerwas
González of El Paso	Noble	Zwiener
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 347 was adopted by the House on February 19, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House