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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Victoria are gathering in Austin on
2 February 26, 2019, to celebrate Victoria Day at the State Capitol;
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4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1824 by Martin De Leon, the city was named
5 Guadalupe Victoria after the first president of Mexico; it was
6 renamed Victoria following the Texas Revolution and incorporated
7 under the Republic of Texas in 1839; later that century, Victoria
8 became a major junction on the routes between San Antonio, Austin,
9 northern Mexico, and the ports of the Gulf Coast, and at the same
10 time developed into a center for ranching; commercial ventures
11 became successful, and by the end of World War II it was one of the
12 fastest-growing cities in Texas; and

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

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

1 agriculture; and

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

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