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H.R. No. 607

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize March 5, 2019, as VIVA San Antonio Day at the State
3 Capitol and to welcome the visiting delegation from the Alamo City;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The history of San Antonio can be traced back to
6 1691, when a group of Spanish explorers and missionaries came upon a
7 river and named it San Antonio, in honor of Saint Anthony, whose
8 feast day was being celebrated; and

9 WHEREAS, The city was founded in 1718 by Father Antonio
10 Olivares; he established Mission San Antonio de Valero, which would
11 become etched in the annals of history in 1836 as the Alamo, the
12 site where 189 brave individuals held the mission for 13 days
13 against an army of some 4,000 Mexican soldiers; the cry "Remember
14 the Alamo" became the rallying point of the Texas Revolution;
15 today, the Alamo is a shrine and museum and is widely recognized as
16 the cradle of Texas liberty; and

17 WHEREAS, San Antonio became formally incorporated in 1837,
18 when the fledgling Republic of Texas granted the city a charter; the
19 community has since retained its sense of history and tradition
20 while carefully blending in cosmopolitan progress; it continues to
21 serve as a crossroads and a meeting place, where the rich cultural
22 influences of Native Americans, Old Mexico, German immigrants, the
23 Wild West, African Americans, and the Deep South mingle and merge;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, San Antonio is Military City USA; has a proud
2 military heritage; great military figures like Pershing, Stilwell,
3 Krueger, LeMay, Chennault, and Eisenhower served at San Antonio
4 military installations, including Fort Sam Houston, the
5 headquarters for the U.S. Army Missions of Army North, Army South,
6 Army Installation Management Command, and the only Level One Trauma
7 Center in the Department of Defense at San Antonio's Military
8 Medical Center and Brooke Army Medical Center, along with cutting
9 edge innovation at the Center for the Intrepid and world renowned
10 Burn Center and all Military Medical Education for the joint forces
11 to include the Headquarters of Navy Medical and Logistics Training
12 Command; as well as home to Joint Base San Antonio- Randolph, the
13 home of Air Education and Training Command, the Air Force
14 Recruiting Service, Air Force Personnel Center and the Air Force
15 Installation Management Support Command; in addition, Joint Base
16 San Antonio - Lackland is home to the largest training wing in the
17 United States Air Force, and trains all incoming Airmen at Basic
18 Military Training, along with vital Air National Guard and the Air
19 Force Reserve missions; and

20 WHEREAS, Recent years have brought remarkable economic
21 development to San Antonio as its skilled workforce, excellent
22 institutions of public and higher education, and high quality of
23 life have attracted important corporate businesses and industries
24 to the city; and

25 WHEREAS, The city's chambers of commerce serve as leading
26 advocates for the business community and are dedicated to building
27 and sustaining San Antonio's diverse and prosperous economy,

1 particularly in the major local industries of health care,
2 manufacturing, aerospace, and information technology; and

3 WHEREAS, San Antonio is the second largest concentration of
4 cybersecurity professionals in the United States, comprised of a
5 diverse workforce and globally competitive cybersecurity ecosystem
6 that is strategically organized through CyberSecurity San Antonio;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Millions of visitors a year delight in visiting San
9 Antonio; in addition to the Alamo, highlights include La Villita,
10 San Fernando Cathedral, the San Antonio Missions Trail, and the
11 famed Paseo del Rio, better known as The Riverwalk; among the other
12 attractions that make San Antonio one of the top tourist
13 destinations in the country are SeaWorld San Antonio and the Six
14 Flags Fiesta Texas theme park as well as the PGA Tour Valero Texas
15 Open, the Alamo Bowl, and the five-time world champion San Antonio
16 Spurs; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2018, the San Antonio Tricentennial Commission
18 commemorated the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Mission
19 San Antonio de Valero, the Presidio San Antonio de Bejar and the
20 City of San Antonio. Three centuries of San Antonio's diverse
21 history and culture were honored and explored throughout 2018
22 through special events and initiatives; and

23 WHEREAS, In April 2019, the city will once again celebrate
24 Fiesta San Antonio, the biggest 11-day party in the state; first
25 held 120 years ago, the event was founded by a group of women who
26 decorated horse-drawn carriages for a parade in front of the Alamo
27 and battled with flower blossoms instead of bullets to honor the

1 heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto; and

2 WHEREAS, San Antonio is truly one of the treasures of the Lone
3 Star State, and VIVA San Antonio Day provides a welcome opportunity
4 to honor the city and its many fine residents; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize March 5, 2019, as VIVA San Antonio Day
7 at the State Capitol and extend to the members of the visiting
8 delegation best wishes for a memorable visit.