

1 WHEREAS, Quanah Parker rose to become a powerful and
2 influential chief among the Quahada, and for years he led the
3 resistance to increased Anglo expansion in the Southern Plains;
4 under his direction, the Comanche eluded the Fourth United States
5 Cavalry in 1871 and 1872, but in 1874, an alliance of Comanche and
6 several other tribes under his leadership was defeated during a
7 raid at Adobe Walls in the Texas Panhandle; a year later, Quanah
8 Parker and the Quahada surrendered and settled on the
9 Kiowa-Comanche reservation in Oklahoma, where he was appointed as
10 the new chief of the tribe; and

11 WHEREAS, Leading by persuasion and example, Quanah Parker
12 helped his people come to terms with their new existence; he
13 promoted the creation of a ranching industry by working closely
14 with Anglo ranchers, and as part of that effort, he negotiated a
15 famous deal with the legendary Texas cattleman Charles Goodnight in
16 1878, permitting the JA Ranch to expand while providing beef for the
17 Comanche; a herd of surviving bison was allowed to continue roaming
18 the JA rangeland, and more than a century later, this arrangement
19 helped lead to the creation of the official State Bison Herd of
20 Texas, which now resides at Caprock Canyons State Park; and

21 WHEREAS, Quanah Parker's influence was also felt in other
22 areas; he was a strong proponent of schooling for Comanche children
23 and served on the tribal court and as the deputy sheriff of Lawton,
24 Oklahoma; in time, he became a very successful rancher in his own
25 right, and he remained a highly respected figure among the Comanche
26 until his death in 1911; and

27 WHEREAS, During one of the greatest social and cultural

1 shifts in American history, Quanah Parker served the Comanche
2 people first as a warrior and then as a statesman, helping them
3 retain their identity while adapting to a different way of life, and
4 he stands as a pivotal figure in the history of the Lone Star State;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
7 hereby designate the second Saturday in September as Quanah Parker
8 Day; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
10 [391.004\(d\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
11 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
12 passed by the legislature.