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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 April 7 and 8, 2021, and this occasion offers a welcome opportunity
3 to pay tribute to this remarkable city; and

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, was developing into a center for ranching and commercial
11 ventures; 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 100 species
19 of animals, some native to Texas and others found only in remote
20 locations worldwide; and

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

1 exploration, retail trade, and 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 87th Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor the city of Victoria and extend to its
8 residents sincere best wishes for the future.