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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Mission are gathering in Austin on
2 February 1, 2023, to celebrate Mission Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, The city of Mission was founded in 1908, the year the
4 Missouri Pacific Railroad established a station in the area, and
5 the city was named for La Lomita Mission, which was located nearby;
6 since then, Mission, home of the grapefruit, has grown to be a
7 thriving city with a population of more than 86,000 people; and

8 WHEREAS, The first citrus trees in the Rio Grande Valley were
9 planted in the Mission area; today, the citrus industry is a
10 multimillion-dollar business and is celebrated each year at the
11 Texas Citrus Fiesta; and

12 WHEREAS, Mission is a center for international trade and
13 entrepreneurship, and its Anzalduas International Bridge provides
14 a vital trade and tourism connection to Mexico; several
15 international manufacturers and other dynamic firms call Mission
16 home, including Stanley Black & Decker, Royal Technologies,
17 Wonderful Citrus, Killam Development, and the Texas International
18 Produce Association; Mission EDC manages the city's Center for
19 Education and Economic Development, a unique, 55,000-square-foot
20 business incubator and coworking space that has spawned numerous
21 local enterprises; and

22 WHEREAS, A popular destination for "Winter Texans," Mission
23 boasts about 50 RV parks and welcomes an estimated 25,000 seasonal
24 residents during the coldest months of the year; and

1 WHEREAS, Recreational opportunities are abundant in Mission,
2 with such attractions as the National Butterfly Center, the World
3 Birding Center headquarters, Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park,
4 and the 10-mile Mission Hike and Bike Trail; and

5 WHEREAS, Mission was immortalized in Larry McMurtry's novel
6 and television miniseries, *Lonesome Dove*, and notable residents
7 have included United States senator and treasury secretary Lloyd
8 Bentsen and United States congressman Kika de la Garza; moreover,
9 Mission was the childhood home of legendary Dallas Cowboys coach
10 Tom Landry and a second home to Texas governor Allan Shivers,
11 Oscar-winning actress Sissy Spacek, and three-time presidential
12 candidate William Jennings Bryan; and

13 WHEREAS, Mission Day at the Capitol provides an opportunity
14 to honor the border city's heritage and its many charms, which are
15 enjoyed by residents and vacationers alike; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize February 1, 2023, as Mission Day at
18 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
19 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.