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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Manufacturers in Texas play an integral role in the 2 state's economy and development, and their important contributions 3 merit special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Texas manufacturing contributes 4 more than 5 \$241 billion to the state's economy, totaling 13 percent of the gross output in the state; because of this outstanding level of 6 7 production, Texas is the nation's leading exporter of manufactured goods, with items made in Texas representing over \$200 billion of 8 9 the manufactured products exported from the United States; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 881,000 Texans work in the sector, receiving an average annual compensation of over \$90,000; these positions spur subsequent growth, with every new manufacturing job leading to the creation of between 2 to 16 additional openings; moreover, manufacturing is responsible for more than 60 percent of all private sector research and development spending; and

16 WHEREAS, The wide variety of products manufactured in Texas 17 includes chemicals, computers and semiconductors, electronics, 18 machinery, petroleum and coal goods, pharmaceuticals and medical 19 devices, food and beverage items, agricultural products, aerospace 20 products, motor vehicles, plastics, textiles, and rubber; this 21 broad diversity is key to maintaining a competitive advantage in an 22 increasingly global economy; and

23 WHEREAS, Across the state, the industry is represented by 24 such central professional associations as the Texas Association of

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Manufacturers, as well as myriad regional associations, including
San Antonio, North Texas, Dallas County, South Texas, Harlingen,
San Marcos, New Braunfels, Washington County, Greater Houston,
Harris County, and Austin Regional; and

5 WHEREAS, Manufacturers drive innovation, create well-paid 6 job opportunities for many Texans, and contribute to the future 7 economic health of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas 9 Legislature hereby recognize February 21, 2023, as Texas 10 Manufacturers' Day and extend to all those associated with these 11 vital businesses sincere best wishes for continued success.