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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Tarrant County are gathering in 2 Austin on March 22 and 23, 2023, to celebrate Tarrant County Days at 3 the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Created in 1849, Tarrant County has a history rooted in the Old West, having served as the terminus point for cattle drives during the 19th century; it was named after General Edward H. Tarrant, who commanded Republic of Texas militia forces at the Battle of Village Creek in 1841; and

9 WHEREAS, Tarrant County has transformed itself from a 10 frontier community into a contemporary and cosmopolitan center for 11 business, education, culture, and tourism; with more than 2.1 12 million people, it is the third-most populous county in Texas; its 13 county seat, Fort Worth, is the state's fifth-largest city, and 14 other notable communities include Arlington, North Richland Hills, 15 Euless, Bedford, and Keller; and

WHEREAS, Visitors from across the nation are drawn to such 16 exciting, family-friendly attractions as Six Flags Over Texas and 17 the Fort Worth Zoo, as well as to sporting events at Choctaw Stadium 18 and the state-of-the-art AT&T Stadium; the county also boasts among 19 its assets the Kimbell Art Museum, the Modern Art Museum of Fort 20 21 Worth, and the Amon Carter Museum of American Art, which enjoy an international reputation, as well as the popular Fort Worth 22 23 Stockyards National Historical District, which celebrates the city's unique Western heritage; and 24

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1 WHEREAS, Tarrant County is home to The University of Texas at Arlington and to the UT Arlington Research Institute, which aims to 2 3 become a qlobal leader in advanced manufacturing, medical technologies, applied robotics, and environmental engineering; in 4 5 Fort Worth, Texas Christian University continues to build on its long tradition of excellence; in addition to UTA and TCU, Tarrant 6 College offers residents outstanding, affordable 7 County educational opportunities, and young Texans in the county are 8 served by Arlington ISD and Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD, which 9 10 together enroll nearly 80,000 students; and

11 WHEREAS, This North Texas county boasts a diversified economy 12 and benefits from the presence of major employers such as American 13 Airlines, whose headquarters is located in Fort Worth, and Lockheed 14 Martin; its thriving business community is served by organizations, 15 including local chambers of commerce, that are working to promote 16 economic growth and foster a supportive climate for business; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Tarrant County are committed to honoring their rich and colorful history while building an even brighter future for the generations to come, and it is a privilege to recognize their industry, their achievements, and their public spirit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas Legislature hereby recognize March 22 and 23, 2023, as Tarrant County Days at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and enjoyable visit to Austin.

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