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#### R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, VIVA San Antonio Day is taking place at the State  
2 Capitol on February 28, 2023, and this occasion provides a welcome  
3 opportunity to honor San Antonio residents for the important  
4 contributions they are making to the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, The history of San Antonio can be traced back to  
6 1691, when a group of Spanish explorers and missionaries came upon a  
7 river and named it San Antonio, in honor of Saint Anthony, whose  
8 feast day was being celebrated; and

9 WHEREAS, The city was founded in 1718 by Father Antonio  
10 Olivares; he established Mission San Antonio de Valero, which would  
11 become etched in the annals of history in 1836 as the Alamo, the  
12 site where 189 brave defenders held the mission for 13 days against  
13 an army of some 4,000 Mexican soldiers; the cry "Remember the Alamo"  
14 became the rallying point of the Texas Revolution; today, the Alamo  
15 is a shrine and museum and is widely recognized as the cradle of  
16 Texas liberty; and

17 WHEREAS, San Antonio was formally incorporated in 1837, when  
18 the fledgling Republic of Texas granted the city a charter; the  
19 community retains its sense of history and tradition while  
20 carefully blending in cosmopolitan progress; it continues to serve  
21 as a crossroads and a meeting place, where the rich cultural  
22 influences of Native Americans, Old Mexico, German immigrants, the  
23 Wild West, African Americans, and the Deep South mingle and merge;  
24 and

1           WHEREAS, Known as Military City USA, San Antonio has a proud  
2 military heritage, and great figures like Pershing, Stilwell,  
3 Krueger, LeMay, Chennault, and Eisenhower served at San Antonio  
4 military installations; today, the armed forces facilities in the  
5 city include Fort Sam Houston, the headquarters for the U.S. Army  
6 North and U.S. Army South, and Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, the  
7 home of the Air Education and Training Command, the Air Force  
8 Recruiting Service, the Air Force Personnel Center, and the Air  
9 Force Installation and Mission Support Center; in addition, the  
10 city is the site of Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, the largest  
11 training wing in the United States Air Force, which instructs all  
12 incoming airmen in basic military training, along with vital  
13 National Guard and Air Force Reserve missions; and

14           WHEREAS, The San Antonio Market is home to several  
15 distinguished medical institutions, including Brooke Army Medical  
16 Center, which houses the only Level I Trauma Center in the Military  
17 Health System and the Center for the Intrepid, a world-renowned  
18 rehabilitation facility; and

19           WHEREAS, Recent years have brought remarkable economic  
20 development to San Antonio as its skilled workforce, excellent  
21 institutions of public and higher education, and high quality of  
22 life have attracted important corporate businesses and industries  
23 to the city; and

24           WHEREAS, The city's chambers of commerce serve as leading  
25 advocates for the business community and are dedicated to building  
26 and sustaining San Antonio's diverse and prosperous economy,  
27 particularly in the major local industries of health care,

1 manufacturing, aerospace, and information technology; and

2 WHEREAS, San Antonio has one of the largest concentrations of  
3 cybersecurity professionals in the United States, with a diverse  
4 workforce and globally competitive cybersecurity ecosystem that is  
5 strategically organized through CyberSecurity San Antonio; and

6 WHEREAS, Many people delight in visiting San Antonio each  
7 year; in addition to the Alamo, highlights include La Villita, San  
8 Fernando Cathedral, the San Antonio Mission Trails, and the famed  
9 Paseo del Rio, also known as The River Walk; among the other  
10 attractions that make San Antonio one of the top tourist  
11 destinations in the country are SeaWorld San Antonio and the Six  
12 Flags Fiesta Texas theme park, as well as the PGA Tour Valero Texas  
13 Open, the Alamo Bowl, and the five-time world champion San Antonio  
14 Spurs; and

15 WHEREAS, A highlight of the city's robust event calendar is  
16 the annual Fiesta San Antonio; first held more than 130 years ago,  
17 the event was founded by a group of women who decorated horse-drawn  
18 carriages for a parade in front of the Alamo and battled with flower  
19 blossoms instead of bullets to honor the heroes of the Alamo and the  
20 Battle of San Jacinto; and

21 WHEREAS, A city of great historical, cultural, and economic  
22 importance, San Antonio is one of the treasures of the Lone Star  
23 State, and its citizens may indeed take great pride in the place  
24 they call home; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature  
26 hereby recognize February 28, 2023, as VIVA San Antonio Day at the  
27 State Capitol and extend to the city's residents sincere best

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1 wishes for the future.