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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Cotton has ranked as one of the most important crops
2 in Texas for a century and a half, and in 1997, the 75th Legislature
3 named it the official fiber and fabric of the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, Introduced to Texas by Spanish missionaries, cotton
5 soared in production between 1850 and 1900, when it reached more
6 than 3.4 million bales; contributing to the expansion were the
7 opening of new lands for cultivation, the extension of the
8 railroad, and the influx of thousands of immigrants from the Deep
9 South and from Europe; and

10 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has been the home of a number of
11 major innovations in the cotton industry; Robert S. Munger
12 developed an automated system ginning process in Mexia in 1884, and
13 in 1980 the country's first high-volume instrument cotton-classing
14 office opened in Lamesa; and

15 WHEREAS, In recent years, approximately 40 percent of all the
16 cotton harvested in the United States has been grown in Texas, and
17 the state usually ranks first among all the states in cotton
18 production; and

19 WHEREAS, Our farmers work long hours to provide food and
20 fiber for the world and their work is seldom recognized; the
21 profession is both tiresome and stressful but rewarding at the same
22 time; let us take a moment to recognize our farmers for the work
23 they put in every day that benefits all of us; thank God for our
24 farmers and ranchers!; and

1 WHEREAS, The history of Texas cannot be told without taking
2 into account the enormous role that cotton has played in the
3 development of the state, and the crop continues to provide the
4 livelihood of thousands of Texans; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
6 hereby recognize March 7, 2023, as Cotton Day at the State Capitol
7 and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an
8 enjoyable and memorable stay in Austin.