

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Many notable citizens of Lubbock are visiting the  
2 Texas Capitol on February 19, 2025, to pay tribute to their city's  
3 rich heritage and to celebrate Lubbock Day; and

4           WHEREAS, Located within the Llano Estacado, Lubbock was  
5 established in an area that was known for its tough conditions; as a  
6 result, it was settled long after many other parts of the North  
7 American continent, and the citizens who reside there today reflect  
8 the same welcoming and resilient pioneer spirit as the early  
9 founders; and

10           WHEREAS, The City of Lubbock was incorporated on March 16,  
11 1909; railroads, farming, and ranching stimulated the city's growth  
12 as a trade center, and when legislation creating Texas  
13 Technological College was passed in 1923, the site selection  
14 committee, impressed by the enthusiasm and hospitality of its  
15 citizens, chose Lubbock for its location; and

16           WHEREAS, Today, with a metropolitan area of more than 400,000  
17 people, Lubbock is home to the Texas Tech University System and its  
18 flagship institutions, Texas Tech University and the Texas Tech  
19 Health Sciences Center, both world-renowned organizations; and

20           WHEREAS, The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center attracts  
21 nearly 5,500 students from around the world and is currently ranked  
22 as the number one health university in the nation by the  
23 SR Education Group, ranking higher than programs at rival Ivy  
24 League colleges; and

1           WHEREAS, Lubbock is consistently recognized by national  
2 organizations for its business-friendly atmosphere, including  
3 being named the number one city for women professionals; it is  
4 ranked in the top 20 cities for young entrepreneurs starting a  
5 business and was named seventh in the *Forbes* list of top  
6 "Opportunity Cities," based on its low cost of living, its cultural  
7 resources, and the strength of its business community; and

8           WHEREAS, Lubbock has a diverse economy that draws its  
9 strength from agribusiness, manufacturing, and oil and gas, as well  
10 as from educational and health care services, entertainment, and  
11 the largest medical infrastructure in Texas west of I-35; the  
12 city's meticulously planned infrastructure has resulted in a  
13 low-traffic community with more neighborhood parks per capita than  
14 any other city in Texas; and

15           WHEREAS, With the growth of the cotton industry on the  
16 High Plains, Lubbock has become one of the world's primary centers  
17 for the processing of cottonseed and hybrid-grain sorghum seed;  
18 moreover, the region just north of Lubbock has the highest density  
19 of cattle in the entire country; Lubbock is now the home of several  
20 major award-winning wineries and vineyards that produce more than  
21 80 percent of the state's wine grapes; and

22           WHEREAS, Lubbock offers a wealth of cultural and recreational  
23 opportunities, including the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, Ballet  
24 Lubbock, the Silent Wings Museum, the Museum and Planetarium of  
25 Texas Tech University, the new Buddy Holly Hall, a state-of-the-art  
26 performing arts center, and many more; those wanting a glimpse of  
27 frontier history can find it in the restored structures at the

1 National Ranching Heritage Center, a 15-acre site tracing the  
2 evolution of ranch operations, architecture, and the history and  
3 traditions of the cattle industry; the region's history is also  
4 celebrated at the ever-expanding FiberMax Center for Discovery and  
5 the picturesque American Windmill Museum; and

6 WHEREAS, The talented musicians who have come from the  
7 Lubbock area include Buddy Holly and the Crickets, Roy Orbison, the  
8 Maines family, Virgil Johnson and the Velvets, Waylon Jennings, Mac  
9 Davis, Tanya Tucker, Joe Ely, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Butch Hancock,  
10 The Flatlanders, Jon Baumann, The Chicks, Flatland Cavalry, and  
11 Josh Abbott, as well as Texas Tech alumni John Denver, Pat Green,  
12 and William Clark Green; their rich and diverse contributions have  
13 earned Lubbock recognition as the Music Crossroads of Texas; and

14 WHEREAS, Lubbock's thriving commerce is represented by the  
15 largest business federation on the Texas South Plains, the Lubbock  
16 Chamber of Commerce, which expands and guards the prosperity of the  
17 Lubbock area; and

18 WHEREAS, Early major achievements propelled by the chamber of  
19 commerce during more than a century of service include recruiting  
20 farmers from out of state to produce crops on the fertile soils of  
21 the Llano Estacado, working to bring the railroad to Lubbock,  
22 establishing the South Plains Fair, and drafting and delivering to  
23 the Texas Capitol the application that would result in establishing  
24 Texas Technological College, which today is the heart of the  
25 Texas Tech University System; and

26 WHEREAS, The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in  
27 establishing Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport, Reese

1 Air Force Base, and outstanding transportation infrastructure, and  
2 it was the first chamber of commerce in Texas to introduce an  
3 Association Health Plan for 34 West Texas counties, which became a  
4 model nationwide; and

5 WHEREAS, Among the delegation visiting the Capitol today are  
6 members of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce's 47th Leadership  
7 Lubbock Class, who represent the business and community leaders of  
8 Lubbock; and

9 WHEREAS, The citizens of Lubbock have truly kept faith with  
10 the founders of their West Texas community; renowned for their  
11 faith, hospitality, and warmth as well as their hardiness and  
12 determination, they have helped to build a vital urban center that  
13 serves not only a large part of West Texas but also the surrounding  
14 region; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2025, as Lubbock Day at  
17 the State Capitol and extend to the members of the visiting  
18 delegation and all their fellow citizens sincere appreciation for  
19 the bright dusty aura they add to the Lone Star State.

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H.R. No. 54

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 54 was adopted by the House on  
February 19, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House