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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 a top rural
22 hospital; and

23 WHEREAS, Lubbock is consistently recognized by national
24 organizations for its business-friendly atmosphere, including

1 being named the number one city for women professionals; it is
2 ranked in the top 20 cities for young entrepreneurs starting a
3 business and was named seventh in the *Forbes* list of top
4 "Opportunity Cities," based on its low cost of living, its cultural
5 resources, and the strength of its business community; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, Lubbock offers a wealth of cultural and recreational
21 opportunities, including the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, Ballet
22 Lubbock, the Silent Wings Museum, the Museum and Planetarium of
23 Texas Tech University, the new Buddy Holly Hall, a state-of-the-art
24 performing arts center, and many more; those wanting a glimpse of
25 frontier history can find it in the restored structures at the
26 National Ranching Heritage Center, a 15-acre site tracing the
27 evolution of ranch operations, architecture, and the history and

1 traditions of the cattle industry; the region's history is also
2 celebrated at the ever-expanding FiberMax Center for Discovery and
3 the picturesque American Windmill Museum; and

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in
25 establishing Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport, Reese
26 Air Force Base, and outstanding transportation infrastructure, and
27 it was the first chamber of commerce in Texas to introduce an

1 Association Health Plan for 34 West Texas counties, which became a
2 model nationwide; and

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

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

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