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WHEREAS, Many notable citizens of Lubbock are visiting Austin on January 27, 2009, to pay tribute to their city's rich heritage and to celebrate Lubbock Day in the Centennial Anniversary Year of Lubbock; and

WHEREAS, A thriving region of the state, the Lubbock area is home to one of the oldest inhabited places in Texas, where archeologists have discovered evidence of some 12,000 years of continuous habitation; known as the Lubbock Lake Landmark Site, the site is a national historic and state archeological landmark; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lubbock was incorporated almost 100 years ago, on March 16, 1909; and

WHEREAS, The railroads stimulated Lubbock's growth as a trade center, but residents also wanted the benefits that an institution of higher learning would bring; when legislation creating Texas Technological College was finally passed in 1923, the site selection committee, impressed by the enthusiasm and hospitality of Lubbock citizens, chose Lubbock for its location; and

WHEREAS, Today a city of approximately 218,000, Lubbock is home to the Texas Tech University System and its flagship institution, Texas Tech University; and

WHEREAS, Lubbock enjoys a diversified economy that draws its strength from agribusiness, manufacturing, and commerce, as well as from educational and medical facilities, boasting the largest

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1 medical infrastructure between Dallas and Phoenix; with the growth
2 of cotton culture on the High Plains, Lubbock has become one of the
3 world's primary centers for the processing of cottonseed and hybrid
4 grain sorghum seed; and

5 WHEREAS, Lubbock also offers a wealth of cultural and
6 recreational opportunities; among these are the Lubbock Symphony
7 Orchestra, the Lubbock Civic Ballet, the Museum and Planetarium of
8 Texas Tech University, the Silent Wings Museum, and many other
9 cultural offerings at Texas Tech University; and

10 WHEREAS, Those wanting a glimpse of the frontier can find
11 traces of it in the many restored structures at the Ranching
12 Heritage Center, a 15-acre site tracing the evolution of ranch
13 architecture and the history of the cattle industry, as well as at
14 the American Wind Power Center and the American Museum of
15 Agriculture; and

16 WHEREAS, The musical talent that has come from the Lubbock
17 area has included the likes of Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison, the Maines
18 Family, Virgil Johnson and the Velvets, Waylon Jennings, Tanya
19 Tucker, Joe Ely, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, and Butch Hancock and has
20 earned Lubbock recognition as "The Music Crossroads of Texas"; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2008, Lubbock and the area were home to
22 three-time National Collegiate Athletic Association championship
23 winner in cross-country, Sally Kipyego; home to the 2008 National
24 Association of Intercollegiate Athletics softball championship
25 team at Lubbock Christian University; home to the 2008 National
26 Junior Collegiate Athletic Association championship South Plains
27 College mens basketball team; home to American Football Coaches
28 Association All-American and Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award winner
29 Graham Harrell, Texas Tech University's Academic-All-Big-12

1 quarterback who led his team to a Big 12 South Co-championship while
2 posting a grade point average of 4.0; home to Biletnikoff Award
3 winner, Paul Warfield Award winner and Associated Press First-Team
4 All American Michael Crabtree of Texas Tech University; and

5 WHEREAS, Lubbock's leadership in business was spotlighted on
6 the national stage when in 2008 the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce was
7 named the best chamber of commerce in the nation by the American
8 Chamber of Commerce Executives, again recently as Lubbock
9 businesswoman Beth Ashmore led the National Association of Health
10 Underwriters as president of the board, again as Lubbock's Annette
11 Sykora chaired the National Automobile Dealers Association, again
12 when Lubbock-based City Bank was named one of the best places to
13 work in the nation, and again as Lubbock's Wally Darneille led the
14 board of the International Cotton Association as the first American
15 ever to be elected to the board of the prestigious organization; and

16 WHEREAS, This outstanding record of business and industry
17 leadership throughout Lubbock's first 100 years continued to bear
18 fruit in 2008 with several distinctions for Lubbock, including the
19 city being named as the second best and strongest real estate market
20 in the nation, as the 11th best place to survive a nationwide
21 economic downturn, and as one of the top places in the nation to do
22 business; and

23 WHEREAS, Lubbock continues to foster and grow its business
24 and community leadership for the future; among the proud Lubbock
25 delegation visiting the Capitol today are the Leadership Lubbock
26 Class of 2009 and the Focus Lubbock Class of 2009; and

27 WHEREAS, The citizens of Lubbock have truly kept faith with
28 the founders of this West Texas community; still renowned for their
29 friendliness and warmth, coupled with hardiness and determination,

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1 they have helped to build a vital urban center that serves not only
2 a large part of West Texas but also eastern New Mexico; it is a
3 pleasure for the Texas Senate to pay tribute to the City of Lubbock
4 and its fine residents; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st
6 Legislature, hereby recognize January 27, 2009, as Lubbock Day at
7 the State Capitol and extend to the delegations in attendance today
8 and to all their fellow citizens sincere appreciation for the
9 bright luster they add to the Lone Star State. _____

David Newkum
President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 6 was adopted by the Senate
on January 27, 2009. _____

Daisy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 6 was adopted by the House
on January 27, 2009. _____

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date
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Governor

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