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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Continuing a beloved tradition, the Hispanic
2 Heritage Ambassadors DFW organization and the City of Grand Prairie
3 are presenting the annual Fiestas Patrias celebration, which
4 commemorates Dieciséis de Septiembre, an important holiday for many
5 Texans of Mexican descent; and

6 WHEREAS, Dieciséis de Septiembre commemorates the day in 1810
7 when Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, the parish priest for the
8 town of Dolores, issued the call to action that ultimately led to
9 Mexico's independence from colonial Spanish rule; Father Hidalgo's
10 proclamation came to be known as El Grito, or the Cry of Dolores,
11 and in 1825, the Republic of Mexico officially declared Dieciséis
12 de Septiembre as the nation's independence day; and

13 WHEREAS, The Fiestas Patrias event in Grand Prairie features
14 performances by mariachi bands and folkloric dancers, and attendees
15 can enjoy an array of traditional Mexican foods; this
16 much-anticipated gathering draws people from throughout the area to
17 take part in an exciting and enjoyable cultural celebration; and

18 WHEREAS, Grand Prairie's Fiestas Patrias get-together is a
19 testament to the strength and vitality of the city's Mexican
20 American community, and this festive occasion is indeed deserving
21 of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
23 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the Fiestas
24 Patrias event hosted by Hispanic Heritage Ambassadors DFW and the

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1 City of Grand Prairie and extend to the organizers and participants
2 sincere best wishes for a successful gathering.