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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Arlington Independence Day Parade is the oldest
2 and longest-running citywide event in the community, and over the
3 years, it has become a highly anticipated local tradition; and

4 WHEREAS, Started by Dottie Lynn and Church Women United in
5 1965, the first parade was a charming, homespun affair featuring
6 children on bicycles decorated with red, white, and blue, riding
7 through Randol Mill Park; and

8 WHEREAS, In the decades since, the event has grown into a
9 grand, two-mile parade that winds through Arlington's downtown as
10 well as the College Park District at The University of Texas at
11 Arlington; the parade's more than 150 entries include homemade and
12 professionally built floats created by businesses, nonprofit
13 organizations, churches, and youth groups, accompanied by the
14 stirring rhythm of marching bands from the city's high schools; and

15 WHEREAS, The parade is organized by the Arlington 4th of July
16 Association, and it benefits from the generosity of its sponsors;
17 drawing some 75,000 spectators, the event has featured many notable
18 local celebrities as grand marshal, and each year, the parade is
19 dedicated to a different area organization or group, such as UTA
20 alumni, the Boy Scouts, the Red Cross, and the men and women of our
21 country's armed forces; and

22 WHEREAS, For more than a half century, the Arlington
23 Independence Day Parade has provided a festive opportunity for area
24 residents to express their patriotism and celebrate our nation's

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1 founding in the company of their fellow citizens; now, therefore,
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
4 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize the annual
5 Arlington Independence Day Parade and extend to all those
6 associated with the event sincere best wishes for the future.