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H.R. No. 122

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The City of Arlington is hosting its annual Holiday
2 Lights Parade, providing a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to
3 this longstanding community celebration; and

4 WHEREAS, Arlington's first Christmas tree lighting event,
5 which was held in 1993, featured a musical revue, and over the next
6 decade, the city experimented with different ways of bringing Santa
7 to town, including riding in on a longhorn steer, rappelling off the
8 roof of city hall, and arriving by helicopter; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2002, the city staged the first Parade of Lights
10 with the assistance of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and the 4th
11 of July Parade Association; by 2004, the annual event encompassed
12 nearly 60 parade participants, as well as strolling carolers,
13 musical performances, and a laser light show, culminating in the
14 lighting of the Christmas tree; and

15 WHEREAS, Now officially known as the Holiday Lights Parade,
16 the event draws thousands of people each year, and it features more
17 than 100 parade entries, including elaborate floats, a marching
18 band, acrobats, and other participants; the celebration begins in
19 the afternoon with music and food vendors as well as games for
20 children, followed by the parade and tree-lighting ceremony, after
21 which children have the opportunity to have their pictures taken
22 with Santa; the evening is capped with an outdoor screening of a
23 holiday film; and

24 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Arlington Holiday Lights

1 Parade has brought citizens together in fellowship and merriment,
2 and it is indeed a pleasure to join in marking this cherished
3 community tradition; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the annual
6 Arlington Holiday Lights Parade and extend to all those in
7 attendance sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable
8 event.