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H.R. No. 362

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce are
2 visiting the State Capitol on March 1, 2023, providing a welcome
3 opportunity to pay tribute to this outstanding organization and the
4 city it serves; and

5 WHEREAS, Located in North Texas, Grand Prairie is west of
6 downtown Dallas in Dallas and Tarrant Counties; the first settlers
7 arrived in the area before the Civil War, and the community traces
8 its roots back to 1863, when A. M. Dechman's wagon broke down on his
9 trip from Jacksonville, Texas, to Fort Belknap with supplies for
10 the army commissary; he traded his broken wagon, ox team, and \$200
11 for a 239-acre tract of land; and

12 WHEREAS, The community became known as Deckman, or Dechman,
13 when a post office was constructed in 1874, and the arrival of the
14 Texas and Pacific Railway brought additional growth; the railroad
15 company had already started referring to the town as "Grand
16 Prairie," which officially became the city's name in 1877; Grand
17 Prairie was incorporated in 1902, and by 1925, its population
18 exceeded 1,260; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, Grand Prairie is home to nearly 200,000
20 residents, and as part of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, it is in
21 one of the fastest-growing regions in the nation; under the
22 exceptional leadership of president and chief executive officer
23 Michelle Madden, chair Martin Caballero, and its board of
24 directors, the Grand Prairie chamber creates partnerships with

1 business, civic, and educational leaders; among its resources for
2 entrepreneurs, the chamber oversees the Business Advisory Council,
3 which provides support to small businesses in Grand Prairie and
4 throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex; and

5 WHEREAS, The Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce has played an
6 important role in enhancing the community's economic vitality and
7 quality of life, and all those associated with the organization may
8 take pride in their contributions to the area's prosperity; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2023, as Grand Prairie
12 Chamber of Commerce Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm
13 welcome to the visiting delegation; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the chamber as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.