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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, May 11, 2003, marks the 50th anniversary of the  
2 infamous Waco Tornado, the deadliest tornado in Texas history and  
3 one of the 10 deadliest tornadoes in the history of the United  
4 States; and

5           WHEREAS, The massive F5 tornado tore a swath through Central  
6 Texas in a matter of minutes, leaving 114 people dead and nearly  
7 2,000 injured; the storm did unprecedented damage to the city of  
8 Waco, destroying 600 homes and 2,000 vehicles and causing \$57  
9 million in property damage; and

10           WHEREAS, Citizens of Waco will join together on the weekend  
11 of May 9-11 to commemorate this tragic event and the toll it took  
12 and also to celebrate the determination and strength of a community  
13 that overcame a disaster of monumental proportions to reestablish  
14 itself; and

15           WHEREAS, Overcoming adversity is a trait common to the  
16 citizens of Texas, and few examples can match the resiliency of the  
17 citizens of Waco in their recovery from this epic, life-altering  
18 event; now, therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Waco  
21 Tornado and pay tribute to the memory of those individuals who lost  
22 their lives in this devastating natural disaster.