

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Dallas marked the 150th anniversary of
2 its charter in February 2006; and

3 WHEREAS, Dallas originated as a trading post near the
4 confluence of the West and Elm Forks of the Trinity River; a town
5 site was surveyed in 1844, and when Dallas County was organized in
6 1846, the fledgling community of Dallas became the county seat; and

7 WHEREAS, The origin of the city's name has long been debated;
8 possible namesakes include George Mifflin Dallas, vice president of
9 the United States from 1845 to 1849, his brother, Commodore
10 Alexander J. Dallas of the U.S. Navy, and Joseph Dallas, an early
11 resident of the area; and

12 WHEREAS, Granted a charter by the Texas Legislature on
13 February 2, 1856, Dallas citizens proceeded to install a city
14 government; the town's first public officials included Mayor Samuel
15 B. Pryor, six aldermen, a treasurer-recorder, and a constable; and

16 WHEREAS, Over the years, the city's form of governance has
17 changed several times; in 1907, Dallas instituted a commission form
18 of government, with a mayor and four commissioners to manage city
19 affairs, and in 1931 it moved to a council-manager system; the first
20 city council sworn into office was headed by Mayor T. L. Bradford
21 and composed of W. H. Painter, Joe C. Thomas, T. M. Cullum, A. B.
22 Moore, H. C. Burroughs, Victor H. Hexter, Charles F. Turner, and E.
23 R. Brown; and

24 WHEREAS, Since 1971, the Dallas City Council has been based

1 on single-member districts, with the mayor elected at large; the
2 present council includes Mayor Laura Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Donald
3 W. Hill, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Elba Garcia, and Pauline Medrano,
4 Ed Oakley, Dr. Maxine Thornton-Reese, Steve Salazar, Leo V. Chaney,
5 Jr., James L. Fantroy, Gary Griffith, Bill Blaydes, Linda Koop, Ron
6 Natinsky, Mitchell Rasansky, and Angela Hunt; and

7 WHEREAS, Early in its history, Dallas became a service center
8 for farmers and ranchers in the surrounding area; its commercial
9 importance expanded further with the arrival of the Houston and
10 Texas Central Railway in 1872 and the Texas and Pacific Railway the
11 following year; one of the first rail crossroads in the state,
12 Dallas became the main regional shipping point for products
13 destined for northern and eastern manufacturing plants, as well as
14 a leading center for the leather and buffalo-hide trade; and

15 WHEREAS, Strong-willed men and women helped Dallas to rebound
16 from the Great Depression; in addition to securing the city's
17 prominence in the realm of petroleum financing, they achieved major
18 successes with a project to straighten and tame the Trinity River
19 and a winning bid to host the 1936 Texas Centennial; Fair Park, the
20 site chosen for the exposition, was extensively made over with the
21 investment of millions of dollars in private and public donations
22 and now contains what is believed to be the largest assemblage of
23 Art Deco art and architecture in the world; a National Historic
24 Landmark, Fair Park continues to host the annual State Fair of
25 Texas, which was first staged on its grounds in 1886; and

26 WHEREAS, During World War II, with the acquisition of North
27 American Aviation and other war-related industries, Dallas emerged

1 as a significant manufacturing center; the city's status as one of
2 the foremost urban areas in the nation was both underscored and
3 immeasurably enhanced by the opening, in 1974, of the Dallas/Fort
4 Worth International Airport; and

5 WHEREAS, Embracing a half square mile when it was first laid
6 out, Dallas has grown to encompass 384 square miles and a population
7 of more than 1.2 million people, making it the ninth-largest city in
8 the United States; driven primarily by the robust Dallas economy,
9 the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Metropolitan Statistical Area
10 currently accounts for approximately 30 percent of the gross state
11 product of Texas; and

12 WHEREAS, The advantages enjoyed by Dallas extend well beyond
13 its commanding position as a bastion of business, finance, and
14 industry; this city also enjoys renown for its outstanding cultural
15 resources, including institutions such as the Dallas Museum of Art,
16 Dallas Museum of Natural History, Trammell and Margaret Crow
17 Collection of Asian Art, and Nasher Sculpture Center; and

18 WHEREAS, The city's major league sports franchises have all
19 achieved notable success and garnered the loyalty of countless
20 fans; contests featuring the Dallas Mavericks, the Dallas Stars,
21 who won the 1999 Stanley Cup, and the Dallas Cowboys, who have
22 captured five Super Bowl championships, rank among the area's most
23 popular attractions; and

24 WHEREAS, Given the eminent role that Dallas has played in the
25 development of Texas, it is not surprising that a number of the
26 state's most important political leaders have hailed from that
27 community; public officials who have called Dallas home during

1 their tenure include Governors Charles A. Culberson, 1895-1899, and
2 William P. Clements, 1979-1983 and 1987-1991, Lieutenant Governors
3 John McClannahan Crockett, 1861-1863, Barnett Gibbs, 1885-1887,
4 and Barry Miller, 1925-1931, and Speakers of the House Nicholas
5 Henry Darnell, 1861-1862, Nathaniel Macon Burford, 1866, John
6 Hughes Cochran, 1879-1881 and 1893-1895, and William Otey Reed,
7 1947-1949; and

8 WHEREAS, Under difficult circumstances, Lyndon Baines
9 Johnson was sworn in as the nation's 36th president at Love Field in
10 Dallas in 1963; the city hosted its first major-party presidential
11 nominating convention in 1984, when Republicans met in Dallas to
12 endorse Ronald Reagan for a second term in the White House, and
13 George W. Bush resided in Dallas before his election to the
14 governorship of Texas and subsequently to the presidency of the
15 United States; and

16 WHEREAS, A Lone Star State without Big D, that proud and
17 vibrant city that epitomizes so many facets of the Texas mystique,
18 would be utterly unthinkable, and it is indeed a pleasure to join in
19 commemorating the momentous occasion of that city's
20 sesquicentennial; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
22 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Dallas on the 150th
23 anniversary of its charter and extend to all the citizens of that
24 great city sincere best wishes as they look with confidence to the

1 challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Branch
Crownover
England
Goolsby
Hill
Jackson
Madden
Reyna

Anchia
Driver
Giddings
Harper-Brown
Hodge
Keffer of Dallas
McCall
Solomons

Craddick	Giddings	McReynolds
Allen	Gonzales	Menendez
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Merritt
Anchia	Goodman	Miller
Anderson	Goolsby	Moreno
Bailey	Griggs	Morrison
Berman	Grusendorf	Mowery
Blake	Guillen	Naishtat
Bohac	Haggerty	Nixon
Bonnen	Hamilton	Noriega
Branch	Hamric	Oliveira
Brown of Kaufman	Hardcastle	Olivo
Brown of Brazos	Harper-Brown	Orr
Burnam	Hartnett	Otto
Callegari	Hegar	Paxton
Campbell	Hernandez	Pena
Casteel	Herrero	Phillips
Castro	Hilderbran	Pickett
Chavez	Hill	Pitts
Chisum	Hochberg	Puente
Coleman	Hodge	Quintanilla
Cook of Navarro	Homer	Raymond
Cook of Colorado	Hope	Reyna
Corte	Hopson	Riddle
Crabb	Howard of Fort Bend	Ritter
Crownover	Howard of Travis	Rodriguez
Davis of Harris	Hughes	Rose
Davis of Dallas	Hunter	Seaman
Dawson	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
Delisi	Isett	Smith of Harris
Denny	Jackson	Smithee
Deshotel	Jones of Lubbock	Solis
Driver	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
Dukes	Keel	Strama
Dunnam	Keffer of Dallas	Straus
Dutton	Keffer of Eastland	Swinford
Edwards	King of Parker	Talton
Eiland	King of Zavala	Taylor
Eissler	Kolkhorst	Thompson
Elkins	Krusee	Truitt
England	Kuempel	Turner
Escobar	Laney	Uresti
Farabee	Laubenberg	Van Arsdale
Farrar	Leibowitz	Veasey
Flores	Luna	Villarreal
Flynn	Madden	Vo
Frost	Martinez	West
Gallego	Martinez Fischer	Wong
Gattis	McCall	Woolley
Geren	McClendon	Zedler

H.R. No. 336

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 336 was adopted by the House on May 2, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House