

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The City of Arlington truly merits special
2 recognition for its important role in the story of Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, Located halfway between Dallas and Fort Worth in
4 east Tarrant County, Arlington is a desirable place to live and
5 work, with its numerous economic and educational resources, as well
6 as its diverse entertainment venues; and

7 WHEREAS, From the 1840s, the area attracted farmers because
8 of its fertile blackland and sandy loam, conducive to growing
9 fruits and vegetables; the city was officially founded in 1876 as a
10 market town on the Texas and Pacific Railway, and named after the
11 Virginia hometown of Robert E. Lee; in the 1950s and 1960s, under
12 the leadership of Tom Vandergriff, who served as mayor for 26 years,
13 the city experienced significant growth when the population rose
14 from 8,000 to 45,000 residents; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, its citizenry exceeds 300,000, and many
16 technical and manufacturing companies also call Arlington home; the
17 city also boasts superior research and teaching facilities at The
18 University of Texas at Arlington; a popular destination for
19 shopping, golfing, fine dining, and entertainment at such renowned
20 attractions as Six Flags Over Texas and Ameriquest Field, home of
21 the Texas Rangers, Arlington hosts more than six million visitors
22 each year; and

23 WHEREAS, This vibrant city continues to be one of the Lone
24 Star State's great assets, and it is indeed appropriate that the

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1 citizens of Arlington be paid special tribute at this time; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor the residents of the City of Arlington for
5 their myriad economic, educational, and cultural contributions to
6 the Lone Star State and extend to them sincere best wishes for the
7 future.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 215 was adopted by the House on
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Chief Clerk of the House