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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of the city of Irving are gathering at the  
2 State Capitol on March 1, 2005, to celebrate the contributions of  
3 their fair city; and

4           WHEREAS, With a population of approximately 197,000  
5 residents, Irving is located between Dallas and Fort Worth,  
6 adjacent to the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport; and

7           WHEREAS, The city is home to more than 2,000 companies,  
8 including over 30 Fortune 500 companies and the world headquarters  
9 of ExxonMobil and Kimberly Clark, as well as the national and  
10 regional headquarters of AAA Texas, Boy Scouts of America, EF  
11 Johnson, Flowserve, MADD, NEC America, Nokia, Microsoft, Verizon,  
12 and Zale; and

13           WHEREAS, This booming area is also home to two premier  
14 master-planned business and residential communities, Las Colinas  
15 and Valley Ranch; and

16           WHEREAS, Contributing to the quality of life in the city are  
17 its many strong public schools and three "recognized" school  
18 districts, as well as a number of respected private and charter  
19 schools; five colleges and universities in or near the Irving-Las  
20 Colinas Community also provide superior educational possibilities  
21 for students seeking a higher education; and

22           WHEREAS, Irving's highly educated workforce of more than two  
23 million, aged 25 and over, lives within a 30-minute commute of the  
24 city; representing more than 25 different nations of origin, these

1 professionals bring with them rich cultural heritages that endow  
2 the city with a multinational atmosphere; and

3 WHEREAS, The citizens of Irving are indeed justified in  
4 promoting the economic and educational strengths of their thriving  
5 city, and it is a pleasure to honor them on this special day; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2005, as Irving Day at the  
9 State Capitol and extend to its city council members, corporate  
10 executives, chamber representatives, and other citizens present  
11 today a warm welcome to Austin.