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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For the past 18 years, citizens of Grand Prairie
2 have taken part in an annual Cinco de Mayo celebration that has
3 become a treasured tradition in the community among people of every
4 ethnic heritage, and on April 30, 2005, the city's residents will
5 once again join together for this notable occasion; and

6 WHEREAS, Sponsored by the City of Grand Prairie, the Grand
7 Prairie Independent School District, the Hispanic Association for
8 Culture and Education, the Grand Prairie Hispanic Chamber of
9 Commerce, Jack-in-the-Box, Rooms to Go, Darden Restaurants, Wells
10 Fargo, K-B Homes, Telefutura 49, Qdoba Mexican Grill, and Cuidado
11 Casero Home Health and Hospice, the event pays tribute to this
12 significant date in history while positively impacting the lives of
13 area students through the donation of some \$12,000 in scholarships;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, This year's celebration would not be possible
16 without the hard work and dedication of Cinco de Mayo Committee of
17 Grand Prairie members Francisco C. Carrillo, Gloria M. Carrillo,
18 John J. Lopez, Susanna Ramirez, Liz Martin, Doug Beich, Joanna
19 Cardoza, Lydia Arredondo, Bassam Odeh, Gerardo Contreras,
20 Christine Gonzalez, Rebecca Shaw, Sylvia Baca, Gus Porras, and
21 Nancy Bridges; and

22 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo commemorates the stunning victory
23 achieved by Mexican troops over an invading French army at the
24 battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862; led by General Ignacio Zaragoza

1 Seguin, an untrained militia of some 4,500 Mexicans routed 6,500
2 French soldiers, considered to be among the best military troops in
3 the world; and

4 WHEREAS, In celebrating Cinco de Mayo, we honor the ideals of
5 freedom and self-determination and the willingness to take on
6 seemingly overwhelming odds in behalf of a worthwhile cause, and it
7 is a pleasure to join the citizens of Grand Prairie in observing
8 this proud day in Mexican history, a day whose significance
9 continues to speak to people around the world; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize the 18th annual Cinco de Mayo
12 Celebration in Grand Prairie and extend to all those involved
13 sincere best wishes for a memorable event.