

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For the past 19 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 in the year 2006, 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, and a number of local businesses, the event pays tribute  
10 to this significant date in history while positively impacting the  
11 lives of area students through the donation of some \$12,000 in  
12 scholarships; and

13           WHEREAS, This year's celebration would not be possible  
14 without the hard work and dedication of its notable Cinco de Mayo  
15 Committee of Grand Prairie members, who once again have set as their  
16 goal making this popular event the best ever; and

17           WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo commemorates the stunning victory  
18 achieved by Mexican troops over an invading French army at the  
19 battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862; led by General Ignacio Zaragoza  
20 Seguin, an untrained militia of some 4,500 Mexicans routed 6,500  
21 French soldiers, considered to be among the best military troops in  
22 the world; and

23           WHEREAS, In celebrating Cinco de Mayo, we honor the ideals of  
24 freedom and self-determination and the willingness to take on

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1 seemingly overwhelming odds in behalf of a worthwhile cause, and it  
2 is a pleasure to join the citizens of Grand Prairie in observing  
3 this proud day in Mexican history, a day whose significance  
4 continues to speak to people around the world; now, therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize the 19th annual Cinco de Mayo  
7 Celebration in Grand Prairie and extend to all those involved  
8 sincere best wishes for a memorable event.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2246 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House