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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Craig Holcomb is receiving the 2007 Spirit of the
2 Centennial Award on February 8, 2007, for his outstanding service
3 in the preservation of Fair Park in Dallas; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Holcomb has served as executive director of
5 Friends of Fair Park since 1990; under his able leadership, the
6 organization has raised \$91 million for capital improvements and
7 for such important new projects as the African American Museum, the
8 IMAX Theater, and The Women's Museum; his efforts have also helped
9 to raise funds for the restoration of four of the park's major
10 buildings and 17 large murals and for the re-creation of the Fish
11 Fountain and the Texas Woofus; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to his service to Friends of Fair Park,
13 Mr. Holcomb serves as executive director of the Trinity Commons
14 Foundation, a nonprofit organization working to improve the Trinity
15 River corridor by providing increased flood control, more
16 recreational opportunities, and a reliever route for heavily
17 trafficked downtown freeways; this important effort was born out of
18 the Trinity River Corridor Citizens' Committee, an 1,800-member
19 group chaired by Mr. Holcomb; and

20 WHEREAS, From 1983 to 1989, this notable Texan served on the
21 Dallas City Council, chairing the public safety committee, the
22 police and firefighters pension fund, and the cultural affairs
23 commission; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Holcomb has also played an integral role in the

1 development of the East Dallas Thoroughfare Plan, the Deep Ellum
2 Planned Development district, and the Dallas Arboretum and
3 Botanical Garden Master Plan; and

4 WHEREAS, A man of tremendous vision and integrity, Craig
5 Holcomb has demonstrated extraordinary dedication to his
6 community, and his efforts have made a positive difference in the
7 lives of many fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor Craig Holcomb on his receipt of the 2007
10 Spirit of the Centennial Award and commend him for his many
11 contributions to the Dallas community; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Holcomb as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.