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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Irving are visiting Austin in
2 honor of City of Irving Day at the State Capitol on March 20, 2007;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The first settlers moved to the area in the 1850s; in
5 1902 two employees of the Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf Railway,
6 Julius Otto Schulze and Otis Brown, surveyed a new site and named it
7 Irving, after Washington Irving, the favorite author of Brown's
8 wife, Netta; and

9 WHEREAS, By 1912 the town was 500 people strong, with a bank,
10 a newspaper, several churches, and 20 businesses; Irving was
11 officially incorporated on April 14, 1914, on a vote of 27 to 16; by
12 1925 the town had grown enough to hire its first fire marshal, Frank
13 Pate, who would fire six shots in the air with his pistol to summon
14 his volunteer firefighters when they were needed; and

15 WHEREAS, The city began its rapid growth in the mid-20th
16 century; in 1956 the University of Dallas in Irving was founded, and
17 in 1964 Irving Community Hospital was opened; that same year the
18 world's largest trucking terminal was constructed; and

19 WHEREAS, Farsighted city leaders financed and constructed
20 Texas Stadium, which was opened in 1971 and has been the home of
21 America's team, the Dallas Cowboys, ever since; and

22 WHEREAS, In 1973 Irving developer Ben Carpenter opened Las
23 Colinas, a 7,000-acre master-planned community that has grown to
24 include over 1,000 corporate offices, as well as homes, schools,

1 retail businesses, and parks; the community is also home to the Boy
2 Scouts of America; and

3 WHEREAS, The North Lake College campus of the Dallas County
4 Community College District opened in Irving in 1977, and in the
5 1980s Irving built a new arts center and a central library; and

6 WHEREAS, Now only four years past its centennial, Irving is a
7 thriving, vibrant city of 200,000 people, with easy access to
8 Dallas and Fort Worth and connected to the world through
9 Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport; the city is home to 8,000
10 companies, including the corporate headquarters of Fortune 500
11 companies ExxonMobil, Kimberly-Clark, Commercial Metals, and the
12 Fluor Corporation; and

13 WHEREAS, From its colorful beginnings to its prosperous
14 present to its exciting future, dynamic Irving is one of the great
15 cities of Texas, and its hardworking and innovative citizens are to
16 be congratulated for their contribution to the economy and culture
17 of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
19 Legislature hereby recognize March 20, 2007, as City of Irving Day
20 at the State Capitol and extend to its citizens sincere best wishes
21 for a memorable stay in Austin.