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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, April 9 marks the anniversary of the Dallas Mega
2 March for American Values and Justice, which took place on that date
3 in 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, The largest public protest in the city's history,
5 the Mega March drew between 350,000 and 500,000 participants who
6 joined together in support of immigration reform; and

7 WHEREAS, This powerful but peaceful gathering was sponsored
8 by LULAC and a coalition of Dallas-area groups, and it was attended
9 by throngs of people who trod the mile-long parade route in the
10 city's downtown; wearing white and carrying signs and American
11 flags, marchers highlighted the positive economic impact that
12 immigrants have on the U.S. economy and promoted changes that would
13 allow foreign workers an easier means of gaining legal status and
14 citizenship; and

15 WHEREAS, Taking place at a crucial time in the nation's
16 history, the Dallas event was part of a series of rallies that
17 occurred across the country as federal lawmakers considered
18 immigration reform; and

19 WHEREAS, The Mega March offered further proof that concerned
20 Texans, Hispanics and non-Hispanics alike, were committed to
21 voicing their opinions in the immigration debate; that spirit of
22 civic involvement remains strong, and it continues to influence
23 ongoing discussions about a range of important issues, thereby
24 strengthening the vital traditions of free speech and political

1 activism in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
3 Legislature hereby commemorate the one-year anniversary of the
4 Dallas Mega March for American Values and Justice and extend best
5 wishes to those who planned and took part in that historic event.