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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, April 9, 2009, marks the third anniversary of the  
2 Dallas Mega March for American Values and Justice; and

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

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

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

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

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
2 Legislature hereby commemorate the third anniversary of the Dallas  
3 Mega March for American Values and Justice on April 9, 2009, and pay  
4 tribute to all those who planned and took part in that historic  
5 event.