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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For the past 22 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 2009, the city's residents will  
5 once again join together for this notable occasion; and

6           WHEREAS, Sponsored by a number of local businesses and  
7 organizations, the event pays tribute to this significant date in  
8 history while positively impacting the lives of area students  
9 through the donation of scholarship funds; and

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

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

20           WHEREAS, In celebrating Cinco de Mayo, we honor the ideals of  
21 freedom and self-determination and the willingness to take on  
22 seemingly overwhelming odds in behalf of a worthwhile cause, and it  
23 is a pleasure to join the citizens of Grand Prairie in observing  
24 this proud day in Mexican history, a day whose significance

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1 continues to speak to people around the world; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

3 Legislature hereby recognize the 22nd annual Cinco de Mayo

4 Celebration in Grand Prairie and extend to all those involved

5 sincere best wishes for a memorable event.