

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Oak Cliff, the venerable community on the south bank  
2 of the Trinity River, marks the 106th anniversary of its annexation  
3 to Dallas on March 17, 2009; and

4           WHEREAS, Originally known as Hord's Ridge, Oak Cliff traces  
5 its roots to the 1845 arrival of the William H. Hord family and to  
6 the farming community that subsequently grew in the vicinity; in  
7 the 1880s the area of Hord's Ridge was bought by Thomas Marsalis and  
8 John Armstrong, who dreamed of creating an exclusive residential  
9 development there and who gave the site its present name; and

10           WHEREAS, After the pair successfully launched the sale of  
11 lots, Thomas Marsalis gained control of the project and undertook  
12 several ventures to add to the new town's attractiveness; these  
13 included the introduction of a steam-powered railway to connect the  
14 development with downtown Dallas, the establishment of a 150-acre  
15 park, now known as Marsalis Park and Zoo, and the erection of a fine  
16 hotel featuring several mineral baths; and

17           WHEREAS, Oak Cliff enjoyed a period of favor as an upscale  
18 residential and resort community before the depression of 1893  
19 drove Mr. Marsalis into bankruptcy; a number of lots once owned by  
20 his company were then subdivided and sold; and

21           WHEREAS, In 1903, after rejecting several overtures from  
22 Dallas and still struggling with a sluggish economy, Oak Cliff  
23 voters finally agreed to annexation to their larger neighbor;  
24 development over the next several decades included hundreds of

1 modest homes as well as the grand residences of Kessler Park; and

2 WHEREAS, Set on rolling hills a few miles from downtown  
3 Dallas, Oak Cliff today is home to a broadly inclusive population,  
4 with residents representing a variety of ethnic and cultural groups  
5 and economic backgrounds; and

6 WHEREAS, These citizens are acting through a number of  
7 organizations, such as the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, Old Oak  
8 Cliff Conservation League, Oak Cliff Foundation, and various  
9 neighborhood groups, to promote the preservation and  
10 revitalization of their community; their efforts have figured  
11 prominently in the rebirth of Jefferson Boulevard, West Davis  
12 Street, and Fort Worth Avenue, in the renovation of the historic  
13 Texas Theater, and in the flowering of the Bishop Arts District; and

14 WHEREAS, Members of close-knit communities within the larger  
15 embrace of Oak Cliff, the residents of this unique section of Dallas  
16 are holding fast to their rich history while forging an ever  
17 brighter and more promising future; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
19 Legislature hereby congratulate the citizens of Oak Cliff on the  
20 106th anniversary of their community's annexation to Dallas and  
21 extend to them sincere best wishes as they build on their notable  
22 heritage.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 314 was adopted by the House on  
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Chief Clerk of the House