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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas is known for the richness and variety of its
2 agricultural bounty, and the 72nd Texas Citrus Fiesta in Mission,
3 which took place during the last week of January 2009, celebrated
4 the importance of the fruit industry to the culture and economy of
5 the Rio Grande Valley; and

6 WHEREAS, The first Citrus Fiesta in 1932 highlighted the
7 Valley's bountiful winter harvest of grapefruit and oranges and
8 began the colorful tradition of crowning a King Citrus and Queen
9 Citrianna and their royal court; every city in the region further
10 appoints a duchess to represent its community at the coronation;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Held annually since World War II, the fiesta is
13 enjoyed by thousands of attendees from the United States and
14 Mexico; they gather to participate in a range of special events,
15 including a fashion exhibition of costumes made from citrus
16 products and the spectacular Parade of Oranges showcasing floats
17 decorated with fruit and other agricultural products from the area;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, This year's Citrus Fiesta was presided over by King
20 Citrus Tom Aderhold, who throughout his life has been a leader in
21 the Valley's citrus industry; sharing the throne was Queen
22 Citrianna Lauren Yvanna Guerra, who was supported by the members of
23 the royal court: Maria Apolonia Calderon, the Princess of
24 Grapefruit Blossom, Katheryn Hinojosa, the Princess of Orange

1 Blossom, and Sophia Anyssa Flores, the Lady in Waiting; and

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Tangerine Court were Ryann Avery
3 Ramirez, the 59th Princess Anna, Madison Nicole Gerlach, the
4 Princess of Lemon Blossom, Kayla Nicole Cantu, the Princess of Lime
5 Blossom, Myrhissa Calen Ortega, the Princess of Tangerine Blossom,
6 and Jenna Renee Hard, the Princess of Grapefruit Blossom; also
7 presented at the court's coronation were 18 duchesses from the
8 region; and

9 WHEREAS, For more than 70 years, the combination of
10 agricultural abundance and the vibrant community spirit in the Rio
11 Grande Valley has helped make the Texas Citrus Fiesta one of the
12 landmark cultural events in the Lone Star State, and this
13 outstanding Texas tradition is truly deserving of special
14 recognition; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the 72nd Texas Citrus Fiesta and
17 extend to the royal court and duchesses best wishes for a successful
18 and exciting reign.