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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The citizens of Gregg County are celebrating the  
2 rich history of their community with Dalton Days and the Mowdown  
3 Showdown on April 11, 2009, in Longview; and

4           WHEREAS, Sponsored by the city's Cultural Activities  
5 Advisory Commission with proceeds benefiting the Gregg County  
6 Historical Museum, Dalton Days is inspired by the famous bank  
7 robbery in Longview in May 1894; and

8           WHEREAS, Led by Bill Dalton, the last active member of the  
9 famous Dalton Gang, a group of outlaws held up the First National  
10 Bank; two townspeople and a gang member were killed, and Dalton  
11 himself was shot by lawmen in Oklahoma a few weeks later; and

12           WHEREAS, The Dalton Days event features three reenactments of  
13 the shootout throughout the day at the Longview Fairgrounds and  
14 Rodeo Arena; visitors will also enjoy the Mowdown Showdown, a  
15 series of lawn mower races sponsored by the Lone Star Mower Racing  
16 Association; live music, vendors, a quick-draw competition, and  
17 pony rides will also add to the high spirits of the event; and

18           WHEREAS, The citizens of Gregg County may take great pride in  
19 their colorful history, and informative and entertaining  
20 historical festivals like Dalton Days help to bring the past alive  
21 for young and old alike; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
23 Legislature hereby commemorate Dalton Days and the Mowdown Showdown  
24 in Longview and extend to the festival's sponsors, organizers, and

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1 participants sincere best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable  
2 event.