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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A number of proud Texans are visiting Austin on
2 April 23, 2009, to celebrate University of Dallas Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1956 as a Catholic, coeducational,
5 liberal arts institution, the University of Dallas emphasizes
6 rigorous scholarship and a deep commitment to spiritual and ethical
7 values, hallmarks of the Catholic intellectual tradition; and

8 WHEREAS, The University of Dallas is nationally recognized
9 for its academic excellence; more than 90 percent of its faculty
10 hold a doctorate or the highest degree in their field, and the
11 school was one of the youngest in the 20th century to be granted a
12 Phi Beta Kappa chapter; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2008, the university enrolled approximately
14 1,300 undergraduates, a record number, and more than 1,600 graduate
15 students; its freshman class boasts the third-best SAT scores among
16 incoming first-year students in Texas, and the academic profile of
17 its entering class matches the highest such profile in the school's
18 history to date; the university's academic eminence is also
19 reflected in its large number of National Merit Scholars and
20 Fulbright award recipients; students at the university come from
21 virtually every state and from numerous countries around the world;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, In addition to its strong undergraduate programs,
24 the University of Dallas offers graduate and professional education

1 through the Graduate School of Management, the School of Ministry,
2 and the Braniff Graduate School of Liberal Arts; and

3 WHEREAS, The MBA program at the university ranks first in the
4 Southwest in the number of students enrolled, and the *Harvard*
5 *Business Review* has both praised the university's College of
6 Business as an exemplar of best practices and recognized it as one
7 of four business schools in the country that have retained their
8 professional focus; the School of Ministry is the fastest-growing
9 graduate ministerial school in the United States, and the Catholic
10 Biblical School, within the School of Ministry, is the largest
11 program of its kind among all Catholic universities in the country;
12 the University of Dallas also has the distinction of offering the
13 only liberal arts Ph.D. in the nation with a core curriculum in the
14 great books; and

15 WHEREAS, Along with its main campus in Irving, the University
16 of Dallas maintains teaching facilities in Frisco and North
17 Richland Hills, and for more than 35 years it has operated a campus
18 near Rome, Italy; nearly 80 percent of all undergraduates at the
19 university spend a semester at the Rome campus, and during the
20 summer, the campus hosts a School of Ministry program for graduate
21 students; and

22 WHEREAS, Since first opening its doors just over five decades
23 ago, the University of Dallas has more than fulfilled the dreams of
24 its founders, and it is a privilege to recognize its myriad
25 achievements and the extraordinary promise of the years ahead; now,
26 therefore, be it

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

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1 Legislature hereby recognize April 23, 2009, as University of
2 Dallas Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those present in
3 the chamber today sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and
4 memorable visit; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the University of Dallas as an expression of high
7 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.