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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The third annual DFW Dragon Boat, Kite, and Lantern
2 Festival is being held on May 17, 2009, in Irving; and

3 WHEREAS, Featuring dragon boat races, kite flying, a lantern
4 festival, as well as traditional Asian food, performances, arts and
5 crafts, and educational activities, the event is hosted by the
6 Marco Polo World Foundation and is also supported by a host of
7 community volunteers and sponsors; through its establishment of the
8 DFW festival, this nonprofit organization seeks to promote the
9 sport of dragon boat racing, to celebrate Asian/Pacific American
10 Heritage Month, and to enhance intercultural understanding among
11 area residents; and

12 WHEREAS, The three main components of the DFW festival each
13 showcase a particular Chinese custom with origins dating back more
14 than 2,000 years; dragon boat racing began in China as a tribute to
15 the hero and patriot Qu Yuan, and today this team-building endeavor
16 is rapidly growing as an international sport; kites are another
17 legacy of ancient China and were created for the purpose of
18 communicating during battles; today they are a popular recreational
19 pursuit, many depicting fairy tales, flowers, birds, and other
20 animals, and contests are held for both craftsmanship and flying
21 skills; like kites, Chinese lanterns are beautiful works of art,
22 and while some are made simply as colored spheres, others feature
23 intricate designs and portraits of historical figures, legends, and
24 landscapes; among the first documented portable light fixtures,

1 lanterns are also often displayed, in a variety of shapes and sizes,
2 at such festivals as Chinese New Year and August Moon; and

3 WHEREAS, A unique educational experience, the DFW Dragon
4 Boat, Kite, and Lantern Festival is contributing to the cultural
5 vitality of the region, and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize the
6 efforts of its hosts to advance greater awareness and diversity;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2009 DFW Dragon Boat, Kite, and
10 Lantern Festival and extend to its organizers and attendees sincere
11 best wishes for a successful and memorable event; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the Marco Polo World Foundation as an expression of
14 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.