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H.R. No. 3132

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas is the only state in the nation whose name
2 officially refers to friends or friendship, as its name derives
3 from the Caddo Indian word for friends; and

4 WHEREAS, In February 1930, the Texas Legislature
5 demonstrated great wisdom when it voted to officially designate our
6 state motto as "Friendship"; and

7 WHEREAS, The phenomenal friendliness and accompanying
8 extroversion of Texans are a most impressive cultural strength of
9 our state, calling to mind the words of President Lyndon B. Johnson
10 of Texas, who famously said "that there are no enemies in this
11 world, only potential friends"; and

12 WHEREAS, The cities of Eagle Pass, Dallas, and Burkburnett
13 each host annual friendship festivals and, for the first time,
14 Houston hosted a friendship festival in 2009 that is expected to
15 become an annual event; and

16 WHEREAS, Currently, there is no major statewide
17 friendship-themed annual civic event open to the general public; a
18 day devoted to friendship would promote a healthy dialogue about
19 personal friendships and enrich the lives of all participants; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize August 2, 2009, as Texas Friendship
23 Day and encourage all Texans to reflect on the meaning of
24 friendships in their own lives.