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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The city of Laredo is celebrating the life of one of  
2 this nation's most revered leaders when it hosts the 114th  
3 Washington's Birthday Celebration, featuring more than a month of  
4 fun-filled events beginning on January 14, 2011; and

5           WHEREAS, This special tradition dates back to February 1898,  
6 when the Laredo tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men, a patriotic  
7 fraternal organization descended from the Sons of Liberty, staged a  
8 spirited mock battle between the Red Men and the defenders of City  
9 Hall; the contest, which represented the colonial struggle against  
10 the British, ended with the Red Men victorious and the mayor's  
11 presentation of the key to the City of Laredo to the "Great Chief  
12 Sachem"; and

13           WHEREAS, Combining elements of Hispanic and Anglo cultures,  
14 the Laredo celebration features parades, pageants, and concerts, as  
15 well as a carnival, a family fun fest, and an air show, and is  
16 expected to attract some 400,000 attendees; among its most notable  
17 events are the Noche de Cabaret, Comedy Jam for George, Jalapeno  
18 Festival, the Princess Pocahontas Pageant and Ball, and the  
19 International Bridge Ceremony; and

20           WHEREAS, George Washington, who was born in Virginia on  
21 February 22, 1732, left an indelible legacy as this nation's first  
22 commander in chief and president; admired for his courage, vision,  
23 integrity, and leadership in the darkest days of early independence  
24 from Great Britain, he remains one of the most influential and

1 respected United States presidents of all time; and

2           WHEREAS, The citizens of Laredo can take great pride in their  
3 city's celebration of our legendary Founding Father, and it is  
4 appropriate to take this opportunity to recognize and commend all  
5 who participate in the event; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2011 Washington's Birthday  
8 Celebration in Laredo and extend to its organizers and participants  
9 sincere best wishes for another successful and memorable  
10 observance; and, be it further

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for the members of the Washington's Birthday Celebration  
13 Association as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of  
14 Representatives.