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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Bikers from across Texas are gathering in Austin on
- 2 January 24, 2011, for their Legislative Day at the State Capitol;
- 3 and
- WHEREAS, Members of statewide groups such as the Texas
- 5 Motorcycle Rights Association, the US Defenders/Coalition of
- 6 Independent Riders, the Texas Confederation of Clubs and
- 7 Independents, and the Texas Abate Confederation all participate in
- 8 this notable event; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The thriving membership of these organizations
- 10 demonstrates the large number of Texas citizens who are avid
- 11 bikers; hundreds of thousands of motorcycles are registered in the
- 12 Lone Star State, and this biennial legislative rally draws
- 13 thousands of motorcyclists to Austin; the advocacy of dedicated
- 14 riders has contributed to numerous positive developments through
- 15 the years, including the "Share the Road" initiative, and they have
- 16 also backed other programs that promote the safety of Texans on two
- 17 wheels, including the "Look Twice for Motorcycles" campaign
- 18 sponsored by the Texas Transportation Institute; and
- 19 WHEREAS, The 2011 gathering of motorcycle riders at the State
- 20 Capitol provides a fitting opportunity to remember Sputnik, the
- 21 founder and former chair of the Texas Motorcycle Rights
- 22 Association, the group that arranged the first Legislative Day for
- 23 bikers in 1995; after many years of doing his utmost to protect the
- 24 rights of his fellow riders, this respected biker passed away on

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- 1 June 24, 2010, but his legacy of integrity and determination will
- 2 continue to inspire others for many years to come; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Motorcycle enthusiasts embody many of the qualities
- 4 that are central to the Texas identity, including a spirit of
- 5 adventure, a passion for freedom, a deep love of the outdoors, and a
- 6 willingness to lend a helping hand to those in need; they are
- 7 equally dedicated to taking an active role in our representative
- 8 form of government and voicing their support for the rights
- 9 outlined in our state and national constitutions; through their
- 10 attention to the legislative process, these concerned citizens are
- 11 addressing issues of importance to motorcyclists across the Lone
- 12 Star State, and the rumble of their machines in the streets of
- 13 downtown Austin on January 24 is the sound of democracy in action;
- 14 now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 16 Legislature hereby welcome all those motorcyclists participating
- 17 in Legislative Day at the State Capitol and extend to them sincere
- 18 best wishes for an enjoyable and productive visit.

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