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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bikers from across Texas are gathering in Austin on  
2 January 24, 2011, for their Legislative Day at the State Capitol;  
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4 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

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

15 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.