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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The fifth annual DFW Dragon Boat, Kite, and Lantern
2 Festival is being held on May 15, 2011, in Irving; and

3 WHEREAS, This festive gathering features dragon boat races,
4 kite making and flying, lantern displays, traditional Asian food,
5 dance performances, and martial arts demonstrations; the event is
6 hosted by the Marco Polo World Foundation, a nonprofit organization
7 that seeks to promote the sport of dragon boating, to celebrate
8 Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, and to enhance cultural
9 understanding among area residents; and

10 WHEREAS, Supported by numerous community volunteers and
11 sponsors, the festival has been held each year since 2007 and has
12 rapidly grown in popularity, with more than 15,000 people expected
13 to attend in 2011; at last year's event, 36 teams and over 800
14 individuals entered the race, including Boy Scout groups, city,
15 corporate, and community teams, and professional dragon boaters,
16 all of them drawn by the excitement and the cooperative nature of
17 the sport; and

18 WHEREAS, Each year the DFW Dragon Boat, Kite, and Lantern
19 Festival contributes to greater awareness and good fellowship among
20 citizens of the Metroplex, and this rich cultural experience is
21 indeed a testament to the vibrant diversity of the Lone Star State;
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
24 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2011 Dragon Boat, Kite, and

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1 Lantern Festival and extend to the organizers and attendees sincere
2 best wishes for a successful and memorable event; and, be it further

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