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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud residents of Dallas are gathering in
2 Austin on March 1, 2011, to celebrate City of Dallas Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, With nearly 1.2 million people, Dallas is a leading
5 business and meeting center, and in 2010, 19 firms headquartered
6 there were named Fortune 1000 companies; the city has a broad
7 economic base, with diverse industry clusters that include building
8 design, construction, IT services, telecommunications, and food
9 manufacturing, and a number of health systems have large and
10 prestigious medical centers in Dallas, among them The University of
11 Texas Southwestern Medical Center of Dallas and Baylor University
12 Medical Center at Dallas; and

13 WHEREAS, A destination for leisure activities, Dallas offers
14 premier shopping and dining destinations along with world-class
15 cultural amenities; having experienced tremendous growth in the
16 past decade, the Dallas Arts District today includes such
17 outstanding facilities as the Dallas Museum of Art, the Morton H.
18 Meyerson Symphony Center, and the Nasher Sculpture Center; with the
19 opening of the acclaimed new AT&T Performing Arts Center, Dallas
20 can boast of a one-block area that has buildings designed by four
21 Pritzker Prize-winning architects; and

22 WHEREAS, The quality of life in Dallas is also enhanced by
23 such amenities as the Dallas Zoo, the Dallas Arboretum, and Fair
24 Park, which is a National Historic Landmark containing nine museums

1 and six performance venues and which hosts millions of visitors at
2 the Texas State Fair every year; a top sports market, the city is
3 home to teams from five major professional sports leagues, and fans
4 of both the Dallas Mavericks and Dallas Stars flock to the
5 award-winning American Airlines Center, one of the nation's premier
6 concert arenas as well; White Rock Lake and the Katy Trail bicycle
7 and pedestrian path are just two of the city's many urban
8 recreational oases; and

9 WHEREAS, Named one of the best cities for new college grads by
10 a number of publications, Dallas ranks as one of the most affordable
11 cities among the nation's largest; it is well-served by
12 transportation infrastructure, offering businesses easy access to
13 global and local markets, and a 28-mile addition to the light rail
14 system in 2010 made Dallas Area Rapid Transit one of the largest
15 light rail networks in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, City officials have helped Dallas win notice for its
17 environmental measures; 40 percent of its power is renewable
18 energy, primarily wind power, and it was one of the first major U.S.
19 cities to pass a comprehensive green building standard for both
20 residential and commercial buildings; with the encouragement of its
21 leaders, residential recycling increased over 300 percent in just
22 three years; and

23 WHEREAS, Dallas has adopted the motto "Live large. Think
24 big.", and residents can indeed take pride in the many ways their
25 hometown exemplifies that expansive and forward-looking spirit;
26 now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2011, as City of Dallas Day at
2 the State Capitol and extend to those visiting today sincere best
3 wishes for an enjoyable stay in Austin.