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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Tarrant County and members of the 2 Coalition of Tarrant County Chambers of Commerce are gathering in 3 Austin on March 3, 2011, to celebrate Tarrant County Day at the 4 State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, Named in honor of General Edward H. Tarrant, Tarrant 6 County was founded in 1849; it has grown to become the third most 7 populous county in Texas, and is an important national and 8 international transportation hub; and

9 WHEREAS, Countless vacationers are drawn to Tarrant County each year; it offers such acclaimed cultural institutions as the 10 11 Kimbell Art Museum, the Amon G. Carter Museum, the Modern Art Museum 12 of Fort Worth, and the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, which opened a splendid new facility in late 2009; in addition, the 13 14 county's wide range of tourist attractions includes the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, the Fort Worth Stockyards, and Six 15 16 Flags Over Texas; and

WHEREAS, One of the nation's premier sports markets, Tarrant 17 County thrills fans with two Arlington-based major-league teams, 18 the Texas Rangers and the Dallas Cowboys; the Rangers won the 2010 19 20 American League championship and played in their first World 21 Series, while the Cowboys hosted Super Bowl XLV at the new \$1.15 billion Cowboys Stadium; moreover, the Texas Christian University 22 23 Horned Frogs have developed one of the country's premier college football programs and recently concluded their second consecutive 24

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1 undefeated season by winning the Rose Bowl; and

2 WHEREAS, This vibrant county is home to the qlobal 3 headquarters of such major corporations as American Airlines, Burlington Northern Santa Fe, Pier 1 Imports, and RadioShack; more 4 5 than 10,000 business organizations and two dozen chambers of commerce are represented by the Coalition of Tarrant County 6 Chambers of Commerce, which promotes economic development and works 7 8 to build productive partnerships between the business community and local, state, and federal governments to facilitate positive 9 10 business and workforce growth; and

11 WHEREAS, Combining a vigorous business climate with a high 12 quality of life, Tarrant County continues to draw new companies and 13 new residents, and its citizens and area chambers of commerce can 14 indeed take pride in the dynamism of their communities; now, 15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas 17 Legislature hereby recognize March 3, 2011, as Tarrant County Day 18 at the State Capitol and extend to all those visiting from Tarrant 19 County best wishes for a memorable and productive day.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 645 was adopted by the House on March 3, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House