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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 2011 Dallas International Film Festival is
2 celebrating its opening day on March 31; and

3 WHEREAS, Founded in 2006 by Liener Temerlin and the Dallas
4 Film Society, the festival has since screened 812 films from 49
5 countries, including 46 world premieres and 12 U.S. premieres, and
6 presented more than \$270,000 in awards; in 2010, the festival drew
7 20,000 people and donated over \$11,000 in grants to Texas high
8 school film programs; and

9 WHEREAS, Entries have included Academy Award winner *The Hurt*
10 *Locker* and Academy Award nominee *Winter's Bone*, the documentaries
11 *Bill Cunningham New York* and *The King of Kong*, and foreign fare such
12 as the Belgian animated film *A Town Called Panic* and the British
13 comedy *Hot Fuzz*; and

14 WHEREAS, This year's lineup includes the U.S. premiere of
15 Shawn Ku's *Beautiful Boy*, starring Michael Sheen and Maria Bello,
16 and the world premiere of Patrick Tourville's *OK Buckaroos*, a
17 documentary about musician Jerry Jeff Walker; also featured are
18 *Soul Surfer*, starring Dennis Quaid and Helen Hunt, and the Mexican
19 comedy *Adios Mundo Cruel (Goodbye Cruel World)*; the 2011 festival,
20 which is being dedicated to Mr. Temerlin, concludes with a gala
21 ceremony on April 8, when the Dallas Star Awards and the Festival
22 Filmmaker Awards will be presented; and

23 WHEREAS, Cited by *MovieMaker* magazine as one of the "25
24 Festivals Worth the Entry Fee," the Dallas International Film

1 Festival honors the achievement of film artists from around the
2 world and promotes Dallas as a vibrant arts destination and
3 important center for film; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2011 Dallas International Film
6 Festival and extend to its organizers and attendees sincere best
7 wishes for a successful and entertaining event; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the Dallas International Film Festival as an
10 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.