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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Each April, Fiesta San Antonio draws over three
2 million visitors to what has become the biggest festival held in the
3 city of San Antonio and one of the largest events in Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, The 120th anniversary of Fiesta is taking place this
5 year, in an 11-day celebration from April 7 through 17; the festival
6 commemorates the Battles of the Alamo and San Jacinto and the birth
7 of the State of Texas and pays tribute to the rich cultural and
8 multiethnic heritage of the Alamo City; the area nonprofit
9 organizations that stage the more than 100 Fiesta events held
10 around the city include churches, schools, arts groups, health
11 organizations, athletic associations, and many others; local units
12 of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines offer their
13 support to many of these gatherings while also presenting events of
14 their own; and

15 WHEREAS, The festival is famed for a number of signature
16 celebrations: the Battle of Flowers Parade, which is known as the
17 "grandmother" of Fiesta events, the Fiesta Flambeau Parade, which
18 is thought to be the largest illuminated parade in the country, the
19 Texas Cavaliers River Parade, in which the floats really float, and
20 "A Night in Old San Antonio," which honors the city's heritage with
21 food and live music; and

22 WHEREAS, Fiesta San Antonio generates an economic impact in
23 the community of more than \$284 million; an undertaking of this
24 magnitude depends on the efforts of many volunteers, and over

1 75,000 individuals donate their time and talents to organizing the
2 event; deserving of special recognition are the officers and staff
3 of the Fiesta San Antonio Commission, including president Sam Bell
4 Steves II, president-elect Evangelina Flores, senior vice
5 president Marilyn Eldridge, vice president Fernando Reyes, vice
6 president Cristina Gonzales, treasurer Carolyn Cohen, secretary
7 Jack Hebdon, presidential appointee Marcie Ince, immediate past
8 president Mary Begia, and executive director Chuck Blische; and

9 WHEREAS, Fiesta San Antonio brings together people from all
10 walks of life to join in a spirited celebration of the city's rich
11 history, culture, and traditions; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
13 Legislature hereby honor Fiesta San Antonio 2011 and commend the
14 many outstanding groups and individuals who make the event a
15 success; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the Fiesta San Antonio Commission as an expression of
18 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.