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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Six Flags Over Texas is celebrating its 50th
- 2 anniversary in 2011; located in Arlington, the park has entertained
- 3 an estimated 100 million people since its opening on August 5, 1961;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, Founded by Angus G. Wynne, Jr., of the Great
- 6 Southwest Corporation with the help of Arlington mayor Tom
- 7 Vandergriff, Six Flags Over Texas was named for the six countries
- 8 whose flags have flown over Texas land: Spain, France, Mexico, the
- 9 Republic of Texas, the Confederate States of America, and the
- 10 United States of America; the park has been so successful it has
- 11 become a model for the regional park industry, and today there are
- 12 19 Six Flags theme parks in North America; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Six Flags Over Texas is credited with helping
- 14 Arlington to attract the Texas Rangers major league baseball team
- 15 and then Cowboys Stadium, thus enabling Arlington to host the World
- 16 Series and the Super Bowl; a leading employer in Arlington and
- 17 Tarrant County, the park hires 3,500 seasonal and part-time workers
- 18 annually; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Through a series of special programs, Six Flags
- 20 supports many nonprofit organizations that work to make a
- 21 difference in their communities, and among the groups benefiting
- 22 from this support are the Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers Big
- 23 Sisters, the Ronald McDonald House, and the Make a Wish Foundation;
- 24 and

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- 1 WHEREAS, With 13 roller coasters, more than at any other
- 2 theme park in the south, Six Flags Over Texas has been chosen to
- 3 host the 2011 annual convention of the American Coaster
- 4 Enthusiasts; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Six Flags Over Texas has taken its place as a part of
- 6 Texas history even as its owners look forward to the next
- 7 half-century, and it is a pleasure to recognize the site of fond
- 8 memories for so many Lone Star State families; now, therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 10 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of Six Flags
- 11 Over Texas and extend to all those associated with the park sincere
- 12 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for Six Flags Over Texas as an expression of high regard by
- 15 the Texas House of Representatives.

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	Speaker of the House
I certify that H.R. No. 14 2011, by a non-record vote.	89 was adopted by the House on May 4,
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	Chief Clerk of the House