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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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.