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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Irving has had a banner year in 2011, winning a  
2 number of diverse awards that attest to the high quality of life it  
3 offers its citizens; and

4           WHEREAS, Recognized for its beautification and environmental  
5 initiatives, Irving has been named a Scenic City by Scenic Texas and  
6 a Tree City USA Community by the Arbor Day Foundation; in addition,  
7 Keep Irving Beautiful has earned the Governor's Community  
8 Achievement Award, while the city received the title of Best Code  
9 Enforcement Department from Keep Texas Beautiful and an Arts and  
10 Humanities Award for Parks and Recreation from the Texas Recreation  
11 and Park Society; and

12           WHEREAS, The City of Irving has also been commended for  
13 providing an exceptional workplace for city staff; recognized as  
14 one of the Best Places to Work by the *Dallas Business Journal*, it  
15 has been named a platinum level "Start! Fit-Friendly" Company and  
16 an Innovative Work Site by the American Heart Association; and

17           WHEREAS, Local law enforcement has received acknowledgment  
18 for Best Squad Car Design from *Law and Order Magazine* as well as  
19 Recognized status from the Texas Police Chiefs Association, while  
20 the court was honored with a State Traffic Safety Award from the  
21 Texas Municipal Courts Education Center; and

22           WHEREAS, The city has further distinguished itself as having  
23 the Best Water Department in Texas, according to the Texas Water  
24 Utilities Association, the Best External Newsletter, according to

1 the Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers, and the  
2 Best Overall Excellence in Government Programming, according to the  
3 Texas Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors; and

4 WHEREAS, A leader in civic development, Irving has been  
5 awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Planning Excellence from  
6 the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association and a Texas  
7 Award for Performance Excellence from the Quality Texas Foundation;  
8 other notable honors include a Certificate of Achievement for  
9 Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance  
10 Officers Association, Gold Award for Financial Transparency from  
11 the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle, and Gold Service Award for  
12 the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau from *Meetings &*  
13 *Conventions* magazine; and

14 WHEREAS, Receipt of these impressive commendations is just  
15 one indication of the diligence and committed professionalism of  
16 each person working to make Irving an exceptional city, and  
17 residents should take great pride in the recognition that their  
18 city has received; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
20 Legislature hereby congratulate the City of Irving for its notable  
21 2011 record of achievements and extend to all those associated with  
22 the municipality sincere best wishes for continued success with  
23 their important work; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for the city as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
26 House of Representatives.