

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 301**

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Flower Mound in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the town's incorporation; and

**WHEREAS,** Located in southern Denton County, Flower Mound is named for a 50-foot-high pristine hill covered with Indian paintbrush and other wildflowers; the mound was once used by Indians as a holy place; and

**WHEREAS,** The town is located on the shore of Grapevine Lake and was developed from what was initially a farming and cattle-raising community first settled in the mid-19th century; the town owes much of its beginnings to Edward S. Marcus, a scion of the famous Neiman-Marcus empire, who believed the area could one day become a thriving and unique city; and

**WHEREAS,** Edward Marcus owned a weekend house on the property where Forestwood Middle School now stands; he also owned a fine herd of registered Angus cattle, and he employed the legendary Bob Rheudasil to manage the herd; the two men are credited with beautifying the land with a variety of oak trees and crape myrtles, helping to make the area the welcoming showplace it is today; and

**WHEREAS,** After a judge ruled against an attempt by the City of Irving to annex portions of the land that is now Flower Mound, area leaders petitioned to have Flower Mound incorporated; the town of Flower Mound was incorporated in February of 1961, and Bob Rheudasil served as its mayor; William "Doc" Wilkerson played an instrumental role in its incorporation and in helping to have the town's first water system installed; and

**WHEREAS,** A beautiful north central Texas town, Flower Mound has experienced tremendous growth over the last 20 years; the city boasts an excellent school system, low tax rates, and safe neighborhoods; Flower Mound has been recognized by *Money* magazine as the Number One Place to Live in Texas and was ranked second in the nation; it has been further noted in national listings for its technological advancement, its standard of living, and its education, and it was ranked fifth in Frommer's list of Top Affordable Communities and Best Places to Raise Your Family; and

**WHEREAS,** Flower Mound balances a unique blend of country atmosphere with a dynamic environment for economic development; a masterfully planned community, it is an ideal place in which to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the leadership and residents of Flower Mound for their successful efforts in developing and preserving the town's charm, grace, and elegance and extend best wishes to all as they begin the five-month celebration of the town's 50th anniversary; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the 50th anniversary of Flower Mound.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate