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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The year 2012 marked the 40th anniversary of the  
2 creation of the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

3           WHEREAS, Since its establishment by the city council in 1972,  
4 the bureau has worked to foster economic growth in its North Texas  
5 community by promoting Irving both as a prime location for  
6 conferences and special events and as an exciting destination for  
7 leisure travelers; the organization has played a vital role in  
8 bringing more than a million visitors to Irving each year; and

9           WHEREAS, Through the bureau's efforts, more than \$250 million  
10 in hotel occupancy taxes has been reinvested in the community; the  
11 funds have benefited the Irving Arts Center, the Jackie Townsell  
12 Bear Creek Heritage Center, the Mustang Museum, the city's  
13 archives, and the recently opened Irving Convention Center at Las  
14 Colinas, which operates under the bureau's direction; capable of  
15 accommodating groups of up to 4,000, the convention center has  
16 garnered numerous awards for its elegant, innovative design; and

17           WHEREAS, During the past four decades, the Irving Convention  
18 and Visitors Bureau has contributed significantly to the city's  
19 development, and it is a pleasure to commend the members of the  
20 bureau's staff and board, both past and present, for their vision,  
21 leadership, and commitment; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
23 Legislature hereby commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Irving  
24 Convention and Visitors Bureau and extend sincere best wishes for

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1 continued success to all those affiliated with this worthy group;  
2 and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the  
5 Texas House of Representatives.