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H.R. No. 210

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many of Irving's most distinguished civic and
2 business leaders are gathering in Austin today to celebrate Irving
3 Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Established as a small settlement on a railroad line
5 in the late 1800s, Irving has witnessed phenomenal growth since the
6 mid-20th century when it had only about 3,000 residents; spurring
7 its development, the Plymouth Park Shopping Center opened in 1955,
8 the University of Dallas opened in 1956, and Irving Community
9 Hospital opened in 1964; DFW International Airport and the Las
10 Colinas and Valley Ranch master-planned business and residential
11 communities further contributed to the boom, and today the city
12 boasts a population of more than 215,000; and

13 WHEREAS, Irving is one of the nation's premiere destinations
14 for domestic and international corporate relocations; it is the
15 home of a five-star chamber of commerce, the Greater Irving-Las
16 Colinas Chamber of Commerce, which actively represents the
17 interests of the largest business park in North Texas; 8,500
18 companies, including more than 50 companies in the Fortune 500 and
19 the global headquarters of ExxonMobil, Celanese, Kimberly-Clark,
20 the Commercial Metals Company, and Fluor are located in the city;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Irving's educational and cultural resources make it
23 a fine place to live and work; the University of Dallas, North Lake
24 College, and other institutions provide outstanding postsecondary

1 education, and the city's visual and performing arts groups,
2 symphony orchestras, youth arts programs, nearby sports and
3 entertainment venues, and riverside hiking and biking trails offer
4 almost unlimited opportunities for fun; and

5 WHEREAS, Irving is a forward-looking and vibrant city, which
6 benefits greatly from the farsighted leadership of Mayor Beth Van
7 Duyne and the members of the city council, Michael E. Gallaway, Roy
8 Santoscoy, Dennis Webb, Joe Putnam, Rose Cannaday, Brad
9 M. LaMorgese, Gerald Farris, and Thomas D. Spink, and its creative
10 and hardworking citizens are to be commended for their
11 contributions to the prosperity of the Lone Star State; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2013, as Irving Day at
15 the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
16 delegation.