

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Many proud residents of Dallas are gathering in  
2 Austin on March 6, 2013, to celebrate City of Dallas Day at the  
3 State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Founded in 1841 and formally incorporated in  
5 February 1856, Dallas is now a leading business and meeting center  
6 with more than 1.2 million people, and in 2012, nine Fortune 500  
7 companies were headquartered there; the city has a broad economic  
8 base, with diverse industry clusters that include building design,  
9 construction, IT services, telecommunications, and food  
10 manufacturing, and a number of health systems have large and  
11 prestigious medical centers in Dallas, among them The University of  
12 Texas Southwestern Medical Center of Dallas and Baylor University  
13 Medical Center at Dallas; and

14           WHEREAS, A destination for leisure activities, Dallas offers  
15 premier shopping and dining destinations along with world-class  
16 cultural amenities; the Dallas Arts District includes such  
17 outstanding facilities as the Dallas Museum of Art, the Morton H.  
18 Meyerson Symphony Center, the Nasher Sculpture Center, and the AT&T  
19 Performing Arts Center, as well as Klyde Warren Park, a unique urban  
20 green space; the newly opened Perot Museum of Nature and Science in  
21 nearby Victory Park offers inspiring and educational exhibits for  
22 curious minds of all ages, while the Sixth Floor Museum in Dealey  
23 Plaza tells the story of the life, legacy, and tragic death of  
24 President John F. Kennedy; and

1           WHEREAS, The quality of life in Dallas is also enhanced by  
2 such amenities as the Dallas Zoo, the Dallas World Aquarium, the  
3 Dallas Arboretum, and Fair Park, which is home to the Texas State  
4 Fair and Cotton Bowl Stadium; fans of both the Dallas Mavericks and  
5 Dallas Stars flock to the award-winning American Airlines Center,  
6 which is also one of the nation's premier concert arenas, and the  
7 central hall of the Dallas Convention Center is the largest  
8 column-free exhibition space in the nation; the spectacular Reunion  
9 Tower is perhaps the city's most recognizable landmark, while the  
10 new Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge across the Trinity River is a striking  
11 addition to the city's skyline; additionally, White Rock Lake and  
12 the Katy Trail bicycle and pedestrian path are two of the city's  
13 many urban recreational oases; and

14           WHEREAS, Named one of the best cities for new college grads by  
15 a number of publications, Dallas ranks as one of the most affordable  
16 cities among the nation's largest; it is well-served by  
17 transportation infrastructure, offering businesses easy access to  
18 global and local markets, and with 40 new miles of track added in  
19 the last three years, Dallas Area Rapid Transit is one of the  
20 largest light rail networks in the United States; and

21           WHEREAS, City officials have helped Dallas win notice for its  
22 environmental measures; 40 percent of its power is renewable  
23 energy, primarily wind power, and it was one of the first major U.S.  
24 cities to pass a comprehensive green building standard for both  
25 residential and commercial buildings; with the encouragement of its  
26 leaders, residential recycling increased over 300 percent in just  
27 three years; and

1           WHEREAS, In concert with the City of Dallas, the Dallas  
2 Regional Chamber is working to increase economic development and  
3 improve the quality of life in Dallas by promoting  
4 business-friendly policies and making public education a top  
5 priority; its mission is not only to help make Dallas prosperous,  
6 but also to make it one of the most desirable cities in which to live  
7 and work in the United States; and

8           WHEREAS, Dallas has adopted the motto "Live large. Think  
9 big.", and residents can indeed take pride in the many ways their  
10 hometown exemplifies that expansive and forward-looking spirit;  
11 now, therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 6, 2013, as City of Dallas Day at  
14 the State Capitol and extend to all Dallas residents here today  
15 sincere best wishes for an enjoyable visit to Austin.

Branch  
Alonzo  
Button  
Flynn  
Ratliff  
Sheets  
Villalba

Giddings  
Burkett  
Carter  
Johnson  
Rose  
Simmons

Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

H.R. No. 702

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 702 was adopted by the House on March 6, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House