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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.