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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Coppel are gathering at the  
2 State Capitol to celebrate Coppel Day on March 27, 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, The first known settler in the vicinity of  
4 present-day Coppel was James Parish, who moved to the area in the  
5 mid-1800s; in time, a farming community developed and took the name  
6 Gibbs in honor of Barnett Gibbs, a Dallas lawyer, civic leader, and  
7 politician; strongly supported by the state's farmers, Mr. Gibbs  
8 served in the 1880s as lieutenant governor; the young town acquired  
9 rail connections in 1888 with the arrival of the St. Louis, Arkansas  
10 and Texas Railway, and in 1890 the station there was named Coppel,  
11 probably after the New York financier George Coppel, who had  
12 provided critical assistance to the rail line; two years later, the  
13 town adopted the name Coppel as well; the city incorporated in  
14 1955; and

15 WHEREAS, Originally an agricultural center, today Coppel is  
16 a thriving residential community with excellent services, an  
17 exemplary parks and recreation system, safe neighborhoods, and  
18 outstanding schools; the city benefits from its central location at  
19 the heart of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, only five miles from  
20 DFW International Airport and 30 minutes from both Dallas and Fort  
21 Worth; in 2012, the city was named one of the 10 best suburbs in the  
22 region by *D Magazine*, and it was recognized as a contender for the  
23 2011 list of Best Places to Live in *CNN Money* magazine; and

24 WHEREAS, Coppel's nearly 40,000 residents have the best of

1 both worlds, enjoying easy access to urban amenities as well as a  
2 comfortable, small-town lifestyle, and they are committed to  
3 preserving their rich heritage as they continue building toward an  
4 even brighter future; now, therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize March 27, 2013, as Coppel Day at the  
7 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best  
8 wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.