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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The seventh annual DFW Dragon Boat, Kite, and
2 Lantern Festival is being held on May 26, 2013, in Irving; and

3 WHEREAS, This festive gathering features dragon boat races,
4 kite making and flying, lantern displays, traditional Asian food,
5 dance performances, and martial arts demonstrations; the event is
6 hosted by the Marco Polo World Foundation, a nonprofit organization
7 that seeks to promote the sport of dragon boating, to celebrate
8 Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, and to enhance cultural
9 understanding among area residents; and

10 WHEREAS, Supported by numerous community volunteers and
11 sponsors, the festival has been held annually since 2007 and has
12 rapidly grown in popularity, with more than 25,000 people expected
13 to attend in 2013; this year's racing event is slated to feature 48
14 dragon boat teams, including Boy Scout groups, city, corporate, and
15 community teams, and professional dragon boaters, all of them drawn
16 by the excitement and the cooperative nature of the sport; and

17 WHEREAS, Each year the DFW Dragon Boat, Kite, and Lantern
18 Festival contributes to greater awareness and good fellowship among
19 citizens of the Metroplex, and this rich cultural experience is
20 indeed a testament to the vibrant diversity of the Lone Star State;
21 now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
23 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2013 Dragon Boat, Kite, and
24 Lantern Festival and extend to the organizers and attendees sincere

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1 best wishes for a successful and memorable event; and, be it further
2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for the Marco Polo World Foundation as an expression of
4 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.