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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The observance of Father's Day on June 16, 2013,
2 provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on the essence of what it
3 means to be a father; and

4 WHEREAS, In many of its chapters, including Proverbs,
5 Deuteronomy, Hebrews, and Psalms, the Bible discusses fatherhood as
6 the foundation of the family; a true father loves and respects his
7 wife, the mother of his children, and faithful fathers are a
8 blessing; and

9 WHEREAS, Popular culture, as depicted on television,
10 frequently denigrates fatherhood, and many children grow up in
11 fatherless homes; fathering a child may not be difficult, but being
12 a father requires a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication, and not
13 all who are biologically capable possess the necessary moral fiber;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The first and most important decision a father makes
16 is the conscious choice to fulfill the multifaceted
17 responsibilities of his vital role in the family; he must both
18 nurture and discipline his children, provide for them, and also
19 serve as their teacher; above all, he is a role model who instills
20 faith, enduring values, and a sure sense of right and wrong; and

21 WHEREAS, A century ago, fathers worked at or near their
22 homes, and children passed a good deal of time in their company,
23 learning by example an appreciation for the rewards of hard work and
24 benefiting by their daily wisdom; many parents today are employed

1 some distance away from their homes, making it crucial for fathers
2 to reflect carefully on the precious hours they have to devote to
3 the upbringing of their children and on how they may best guide
4 their sons and daughters to help them flourish and become happy,
5 productive citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, Being a father means accepting the solemn duty of
7 molding and shaping the next generation, and on Father's Day, we
8 salute those who have stepped forward and taken up this challenging
9 yet rewarding responsibility; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
11 Legislature hereby commemorate Father's Day 2013 and honor the
12 caring men who have dedicated their lives to building strong
13 families and a bright future for those who follow in their
14 footsteps.