

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 336

WHEREAS, Proud residents of Grand Prairie are gathering in Austin on March 6, 2013, to celebrate Grand Prairie Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Founded during the Civil War and originally known as Deckman, this Metroplex city was renamed Grand Prairie in the 1870s; the Texas and Pacific Railway was built to the site in 1876, and by 1890 the burgeoning community boasted a public school, a steam gristmill-cotton gin, a broom factory, and a wagon factory; in 1928, Hensley Field was built just two miles east of Grand Prairie, and the field became the hub for area army operations; and

WHEREAS, Grand Prairie experienced a substantial boom during World War II, when a military flight training center and an aircraft production factory were built nearby, bringing the city's population from 1,595 to approximately 18,000; and

WHEREAS, Home to more than 175,000 today, and just minutes south of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, Grand Prairie features a wide range of industry and commerce; aircraft, furniture, plastics, and machine parts are among the many items manufactured within the city; and

WHEREAS, Grand Prairie appeals to visitors and residents alike who delight in such attractions as Lone Star Park, Verizon Theatre, Uptown Theatre, and two top-ranked golf courses, as well as popular annual events including the Prairie Lights Christmas display and the National Championship Indian Pow Wow; moreover, there are ample opportunities for recreation at scenic Joe Pool Lake, Mountain Creek Lake, and Lynn Creek and Loyd Parks; and

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WHEREAS, Grand Prairie's excellent location and numerous amenities make it an ideal community in which to live, work, and raise a family, and its citizens may indeed take great pride in their contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby recognize March 6, 2013, as Grand Prairie Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable day in Austin.

Hancock, West

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 4, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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