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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, April 9, 2016, will mark the 10th anniversary of the
2 Dallas Mega March for American Values and Justice; and

3 WHEREAS, The largest public protest in the city's history,
4 the Mega March drew between 350,000 and 500,000 participants who
5 joined together in support of immigration reform; and

6 WHEREAS, This powerful but peaceful gathering was sponsored
7 by LULAC and a coalition of Dallas-area groups, and it was attended
8 by throngs of people who trod the mile-long parade route in the
9 city's downtown; wearing white and carrying signs and American
10 flags, marchers highlighted the positive economic impact that
11 immigrants have on the U.S. economy and promoted changes that would
12 allow foreign workers an easier means of gaining legal status and
13 citizenship; and

14 WHEREAS, Taking place at a crucial time in the nation's
15 history, the Dallas event was part of a series of rallies that
16 occurred across the country as federal lawmakers considered
17 immigration reform; and

18 WHEREAS, The Mega March offered further proof that concerned
19 Texans, Hispanics and non-Hispanics alike, were committed to
20 voicing their opinions in the immigration debate; that spirit of
21 civic involvement remains strong, and it continues to influence
22 ongoing discussions about a range of important issues, thereby
23 strengthening the vital traditions of free speech and political
24 activism in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
2 Legislature hereby commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Dallas
3 Mega March for American Values and Justice on April 9, 2016, and pay
4 tribute to all those who planned and took part in that historic
5 event.