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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dedicated members of the Grand Prairie Unity  
2 Coalition are gathering on February 19, 2015, for the group's 10th  
3 annual Unity Fund-raiser Banquet; and

4 WHEREAS, GPUC was established by city council member Richard  
5 Fregoe in 2004 with the worthwhile goal of promoting awareness,  
6 inclusiveness, and community spirit; the inaugural membership  
7 included residents from a wide array of backgrounds and  
8 ethnicities, including Native Americans, African Americans,  
9 Hispanics, and individuals of Persian, European, and Vietnamese  
10 ancestry; moreover, it benefited from the perspectives of men and  
11 women who hailed from different religious upbringings and  
12 educational experiences; and

13 WHEREAS, Members of GPUC have promoted cross-cultural  
14 understanding through their participation in many events,  
15 including the Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade and program, the  
16 Cinco de Mayo parade, a Native American pow-wow, and the annual  
17 Juneteenth parade; in addition, the group collaborates with area  
18 businesses and with such organizations as the NAACP and LULAC; as a  
19 result of the coalition's contributions, the city of Grand Prairie  
20 was acknowledged as an Inclusive City by the National League of  
21 Cities in 2006; and

22 WHEREAS, The annual Unity Banquet is the organization's  
23 signature event, and a highlight of the festivities is the  
24 announcement of the student art contest winners; conducted in

1 coordination with the Grand Prairie Arts Council, this year's  
2 competition celebrates the theme "Unity Through Diversity"; and

3 WHEREAS, Through their commitment to furthering acceptance  
4 and diversity, the members of the Grand Prairie Unity Coalition are  
5 helping to build a stronger and more vibrant community, and their  
6 accomplishments are indeed deserving of special recognition; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby honor the Grand Prairie Unity Coalition on the  
10 occasion of its 10th annual Unity Fund-raiser Banquet and extend to  
11 the members of this noteworthy organization sincere best wishes for  
12 continued success with their important work; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for the coalition as an expression of high regard by the  
15 Texas House of Representatives.