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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Grand Prairie are gathering in
2 Austin on March 4, 2015, to celebrate Grand Prairie Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded during the Civil War and originally known as
5 Deckman, this Metroplex city was renamed Grand Prairie in the
6 1870s; the Texas and Pacific Railway was built to the site in 1876,
7 and by 1890 the community boasted a public school, a steam
8 gristmill-cotton gin, a broom factory, and a wagon factory; in
9 1928, Dallas built Hensley Field just two miles east of Grand
10 Prairie, and the field became the hub for area army operations; and

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

15 WHEREAS, Today, with an average age of 31.3 years, Grand
16 Prairie is a young, growing city, with a population of more than
17 183,000; just minutes south of Dallas/Fort Worth International
18 Airport, it features a wide range of industry and commerce;
19 aircraft, furniture, plastics, and machine parts are among the many
20 items manufactured within the city; and

21 WHEREAS, Grand Prairie appeals to visitors and residents
22 alike who enjoy such attractions as Lone Star Park, Verizon
23 Theatre, and Uptown Theatre, as well as popular annual events
24 including the Prairie Dog Chili Cookoff, the Prairie Lights

1 Christmas display, and the National Championship Indian Pow Wow;
2 moreover, there are ample opportunities for recreation at scenic
3 Joe Pool Lake, Mountain Creek Lake, and Lynn Creek and Loyd Parks;
4 and

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

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize March 4, 2015, as Grand Prairie Day at
11 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
12 best wishes for an enjoyable day in Austin.