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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Texas House District 95 are gathering
2 on February 26, 2015, at the Texas Capitol to witness firsthand the
3 workings of the state legislature and to celebrate together the
4 place they call home; and

5 WHEREAS, House District 95 includes the cities of Fort Worth,
6 Forest Hill, Everman, Edgecliff Village, Kennedale, and Arlington;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Camp Worth, on which the City of Fort Worth was
9 built, was established in 1849 and in the years following would play
10 a prominent role in the great cattle drives that defined mid-19th
11 century Texas culture; this history that is so fundamental to Texas
12 was commemorated beautifully in the Chisholm Trail mural in
13 Sundance Square, where members of the community can still go and
14 reflect on our humble roots; and

15 WHEREAS, The Tarrant County Black Historical and
16 Genealogical Society was founded in 1977 as a nonprofit public
17 service organization dedicated to preserving the history of
18 African-American contributions to Tarrant County and has made a
19 significant impact on the heritage and empowerment of this
20 community; additionally, the organization holds the Tarrant County
21 Harambee Festival each year, a beautiful celebration commemorating
22 the African art and culture that has defined Tarrant County for
23 generations; and

24 WHEREAS, The Stop Six neighborhood is a central part of House

1 District 95, encompassing many different subdivisions developed in
2 the early 1900's, built aside the sixth stop of the interurban rail
3 line between Fort Worth and Dallas; in 2007 the Fort Worth City
4 Council designated the neighborhood South of Ramey Street as a
5 historic district of the city, ensuring the ability of future
6 generations to be able to experience the rich history of this
7 special place; and

8 WHEREAS, Fort Worth is home to several Tuskegee Airmen,
9 America's first African-American military pilots, and was also home
10 to the late Tuskegee Airman Captain Claude Robert Platte Jr., who
11 achieved great prominence as a pilot and flight instructor; Fort
12 Worth is now home to the Claude R. Platte Chapter of Tuskegee Airman
13 Inc., which works to perpetuate the legacies of these incredible
14 men who were willing to serve their nation; and

15 WHEREAS, The City of Forest Hill, formerly known as
16 Brambleton Station and Forest Hill Village, has origins dating back
17 to 1860 and has since become an important part of the I-20 corridor
18 and one of the fastest growing communities in North Texas; and

19 WHEREAS, Texas House District 95 provides residents and
20 visitors alike with a community of rich Texas history and culture;
21 now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2015, as House District
24 95 Day at the State Capitol and welcome all those from the area who
25 are in the chamber on this day.