

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents from Collin County are gathering at the  
2 State Capitol on March 2 and 3, 2015, to celebrate Collin County  
3 Days, and this event provides an opportunity to pay tribute to its  
4 many prosperous communities; and

5           WHEREAS, Collin County is one of the largest and  
6 fastest-growing counties in the state; more than 90 percent of its  
7 workforce over the age of 25 holds a high school diploma and about  
8 half has earned at least a bachelor's degree; such highly skilled  
9 workers also make the county a leader in job growth; and

10           WHEREAS, Plano is the largest city in the county and home to  
11 such major companies as Frito-Lay, J. C. Penney Company, Inc.,  
12 Ericsson, H. P. Enterprise Services, and Dr Pepper Snapple Group,  
13 Inc.; Toyota has established its North American headquarters in  
14 Plano, as has Hilti Corporation; cited as one of the top 10 best  
15 cities in which to find a job, Plano has also been named one of the  
16 Best Run Cities in America by 24/7 Wall St.; this thriving  
17 municipality boasts nationally recognized schools, award-winning  
18 parks, a lively historic downtown district, and multicultural  
19 neighborhoods that appeal equally to families, young singles, and  
20 retirees; its excellent restaurants, vibrant shopping districts,  
21 exciting entertainment venues, and active local arts scene all  
22 contribute to the city's high quality of life; and

23           WHEREAS, Home of the Collin County Regional Airport, McKinney  
24 hosts such major employers as Raytheon Company, Encore Wire

1 Corporation, Emerson Process Management, and Torchmark  
2 Corporation; its historic downtown encompasses more than 130  
3 boutiques, and it earned the ranking of #1 Best Place to Live 2014  
4 by *Money* magazine; and

5 WHEREAS, Allen was named among the 10 safest cities in the  
6 nation in its class for the third time by CQ Press, and it has also  
7 placed 13th on *Money* magazine's list of the Best Places to Live; the  
8 city received the Keep Texas Beautiful Governor's Community Award  
9 for its environmental efforts, and its residents are proud of the  
10 2014 6A Division 1 high school football champions, the Allen  
11 Eagles; and

12 WHEREAS, Defining "Progress in Motion," Frisco is the  
13 second-fastest growing city in the country and the fastest-growing  
14 community over the past decade, according to the United States  
15 census bureau; it has maintained its quality of life amid rapid  
16 development, and the *Dallas Morning News* named Frisco among its top  
17 10 suburbs for schools, safety, families with children, young  
18 adults, empty nesters, and "Best Overall" neighborhoods; known for  
19 top-notch public safety services, the city received the highest  
20 rating for fire protection, and it enjoys one of the lowest crime  
21 rates, as well as low taxes; this once-small town is home to Collin  
22 College, world-class venues, and four professional sports teams,  
23 with another on the way; active residents have access to 49 parks,  
24 86 miles of trails, and an athletic center featuring an outdoor  
25 water park; health care facilities include three hospitals, and the  
26 favorable business climate supports more than nine million square  
27 feet of retail and restaurants; among the cultural amenities are

1 two museums and hundreds of public and private art installations  
2 displayed throughout Frisco's 72-square-mile area; and

3         WHEREAS, The City of Wylie, Wylie Independent School  
4 District, Wylie Chamber of Commerce, and Wylie Economic Development  
5 Corporation work in concert to build a strong community that  
6 strives to honor the past, embrace the present, and plan for the  
7 future, while valuing unity, relationships, and trust, as evidenced  
8 by a recent report naming Wylie the second-best small city in the  
9 country in which to raise a family; Wylie fosters a spirit of  
10 cooperation, and with a thriving business environment and  
11 outstanding schools, it is a place people treasure and proudly call  
12 home; and

13         WHEREAS, Richardson is the home of The University of Texas at  
14 Dallas and the Telecom Corridor; it has been recognized by the Texas  
15 Legislature as the official International Business Capital of North  
16 Texas and is the second largest employment center in the DFW  
17 Metroplex; more than 10,000 people will soon be employed at the  
18 CityLine development by KDC, which includes State Farm's new  
19 regional campus and Raytheon's Intelligence Information and  
20 Services unit; welcoming numerous visitors, the city hosts the  
21 Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival, the largest such event in  
22 North Texas, and the Cottonwood Art Festival, one of the top outdoor  
23 arts festivals in the nation; and

24         WHEREAS, The city of Murphy, an affluent residential  
25 community in southeastern Collin County, has maintained its  
26 designation as a top 10 Best Suburb by *D Magazine* since the  
27 inception of the ratings; Murphy boasts over 219 acres of parkland,

1 and it has rich community programs along with a culturally diverse,  
2 highly educated population of over 20,000; exciting new businesses  
3 have joined an engaging business community, and residents take  
4 pride in the city's ranking as the third-safest city in North Texas  
5 and the fifth safest in the state; and

6 WHEREAS, Recognized by *D Magazine* as a top 10 suburb, Prosper  
7 issued more than 550 single-family housing permits in 2014, and it  
8 has a billion-dollar mixed-use development in the works; it is home  
9 to several top housing developers, including Blue Star Development,  
10 LandPlan, and Terra Verde Group; Prosper's citizens have passed a  
11 \$710 million bond package for their public schools, which have  
12 maintained academic excellence while experiencing a growth in  
13 enrollment of 50 percent over the last three years; the city's  
14 outstanding police department offers such community outreach and  
15 crime prevention programs as Citizens on Patrol, the Citizens  
16 Police Academy, and Prosper Community Watch, among others; and

17 WHEREAS, One of two platinum-level Scenic Cities in Texas,  
18 Fairview has been recognized as a Tree City USA and earned a 2012  
19 Growing Green Cities Award; the city is home to the first street in  
20 Texas illuminated by LED lighting and is a three-time recipient of  
21 the Texas Municipal League Municipal Excellence Award; the city's  
22 Veterans' Park has been recognized with a Patriotic Achievement  
23 Award from the Military Order of the World Wars; and

24 WHEREAS, The crossroads of the developing transportation  
25 corridor in northern Collin County, Celina is growing rapidly while  
26 retaining its respect for the traditional values of family and  
27 heritage; its school district is rich in academic and athletic

1 achievement, with the Celina Bobcats earning pride of place as the  
2 winners of eight state football championships; and

3       WHEREAS, Since its incorporation in 1959, Lucas has embraced  
4 its serene rural lifestyle, which creates a high quality of life for  
5 its citizens; it is a country oasis of spacious homes, small  
6 ranches, and farms, with 25 miles of trails for horses and  
7 pedestrians along Lake Lavon; the focus on wildlife habitat  
8 preservation has made it the perfect home for the Blackland Prairie  
9 Raptor Center; moreover, quality schools and a vibrant residential  
10 market keep Lucas family friendly; the city's emphasis on financial  
11 stability and transparency has earned it the Certificate in  
12 Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the  
13 Government Finance Officers Association, along with the Texas  
14 Comptroller's Leadership Circle Platinum Award, and an AA+ bond  
15 rating; enhancing the safety of the public, the City of Lucas Fire  
16 Department provides emergency medical services; the department  
17 continues to benefit from volunteerism, and the community is justly  
18 known as a small city with a big heart; and

19       WHEREAS, The citizens of Parker are proud to be living in *D*  
20 *Magazine's* number two suburb in the DFW Metroplex, and they also  
21 enjoy a low municipal tax rate, as well as a AAA bond rating; the  
22 residents number about 4,000, and they cherish their uniquely  
23 "country" lifestyle; characterized by its large lots and  
24 comfortable atmosphere, Parker is known to millions of television  
25 viewers as the home of the legendary Southfork Ranch from *Dallas*;  
26 and

27       WHEREAS, One of the fastest-growing cities in the Dallas/Fort

1 Worth Metroplex, the city of Anna is a family-friendly community  
2 with hometown appeal; its residents enjoy an unhurried and friendly  
3 atmosphere, with safe neighborhoods, excellent schools, and access  
4 to many urban amenities; local businesses benefit from affordable  
5 real estate, a low cost of doing business, a well-educated  
6 workforce, an active chamber of commerce, and dedicated consumers;  
7 and

8         WHEREAS, Farmersville, located 15 miles east of McKinney,  
9 took its name from the primary occupation of its original  
10 residents; established in 1849 as a settlement on the  
11 Jefferson-McKinney Road and near the Republic of Texas National  
12 Road, the town was incorporated in 1873; agriculture kept pace as it  
13 became a trade center, and in the 1930s, Farmersville shipped over  
14 1,000 carloads of onions annually, earning the nickname "Onion  
15 Capital of North Texas"; the city may be best known for native son  
16 Audie Murphy, who listed Farmersville as his hometown when he  
17 enlisted in the army during WWII and returned home to a hero's  
18 welcome in 1945; he had earned every army citation for valor, was a  
19 recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, and was posthumously  
20 awarded the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor; Farmersville has a  
21 nationally recognized Main Street Program, with many historic  
22 downtown buildings, eateries, and shopping attractions; near the  
23 restored Onion Shed is the trailhead for the 130-mile Northeast  
24 Texas Trail, a beautiful site for walking, hiking, and bicycling;  
25 and

26         WHEREAS, Other communities add much to Collin County's  
27 allure; the growing community of Blue Ridge is committed to

1 revitalizing its downtown, while the people of Josephine are proud  
2 of their active volunteer fire department, which not only protects  
3 the community but hosts such popular annual events as the Easter egg  
4 hunt and the Christmas parade; and

5 WHEREAS, Also contributing to the development of Collin  
6 County are the citizens of Copeville, Lavon, Lowry Crossing,  
7 Melissa, Nevada, New Hope, Princeton, Royse City, Sachse, St. Paul,  
8 Westminster, and Weston, along with parts of Dallas and Garland,  
9 and those communities play an important part in the county's  
10 flourishing, diversified economy and its quality of life; and

11 WHEREAS, The citizens of this notable North Texas county are  
12 working to preserve the best of their past even as they look forward  
13 to a bright and promising future, and they are sure to figure  
14 prominently in the growth and prosperity of the Lone Star State in  
15 the years ahead; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby recognize March 2 and 3, 2015, as Collin County  
18 Days at the State Capitol and extend sincere best wishes to the  
19 visiting delegation for an informative and enjoyable visit to  
20 Austin.

Laubenberg  
Shaheen  
Turner of Collin  
Leach  
Sanford

Straus	González	Otto
Allen	Guerra	Paddie
Alonzo	Guillen	Parker
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Paul
Anchia	Harless	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Phillips
Ashby	Howard	Pickett
Aycock	Huberty	Price
Bell	Hughes	Raney
Bernal	Hunter	Raymond
Blanco	Isaac	Reynolds
Bohac	Israel	Riddle
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Travis
Burns	Keough	Romero, Jr.
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Rose
Button	King of Parker	Sanford
Canales	King of Taylor	Schaefer
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schofield
Clardy	Klick	Schubert
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smith
Dale	Leach	Smithee
Darby	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Springer
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stephenson
Deshotel	Márquez	Stickland
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	McClendon	Tinderholt
Faircloth	Menéndez	Turner of Collin
Fallon	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Farias	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farney	Miles	VanDeaver
Farrar	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White of Bell
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Galindo	Murphy	Workman
Geren	Murr	Wray
Giddings	Naishtat	Wu
Goldman	Nevárez	Zedler
Gonzales	Oliveira	Zerwas



H.R. No. 754

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 754 was adopted by the House on March 3, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House