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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Coppel are gathering at the
2 State Capitol to celebrate Coppel Day on March 25, 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, The first known settler in what was originally
4 called Grapevine Springs was James Parish, who moved to the area in
5 the mid-1800s; in time, a farming community developed, and its post
6 office took the name Gibbs in honor of Barnett Gibbs, a Dallas
7 lawyer, civic leader, politician, and local real estate investor;
8 strongly supported by the state's farmers, Mr. Gibbs served in the
9 1880s as lieutenant governor; the young town acquired rail
10 connections in 1888 with the arrival of the St. Louis, Arkansas and
11 Texas Railway, and in 1890, the station there was named Coppel,
12 probably after New York financier George Coppel, who had provided
13 crucial assistance to the rail line; two years later, the town also
14 adopted the name Coppel; the city incorporated in 1955; and

15 WHEREAS, Originally an agricultural center, Coppel today
16 boasts more than 1,000 businesses and is a thriving residential
17 community with excellent services, an exemplary parks and
18 recreation system, and safe neighborhoods; over 11,000 students are
19 enrolled in the Coppel Independent School District, which is home
20 to multiple National Blue Ribbon campuses; the city benefits from
21 its central location at the heart of the Dallas/Fort Worth
22 Metroplex, only five miles from DFW International Airport and 30
23 minutes from both Dallas and Fort Worth; in 2012 and again in 2014,
24 it was named one of the best suburbs in the region by *D Magazine*, and

1 it has been further recognized by the Texas Commission on
2 Environmental Quality and Keep Texas Beautiful; and

3 WHEREAS, Coppell's more than 40,000 residents enjoy easy
4 access to urban amenities as well as a comfortable, small-town
5 lifestyle, and they may take justifiable pride in the important
6 role their unique area continues to play in the story of the Lone
7 Star State; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize March 25, 2015, as Coppell Day at the
10 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best
11 wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.