By: Alonzo H.R. No. 54

RESOLUTION 1 WHEREAS, For many years, citizens of Grand Prairie have taken part in an annual Cinco de Mayo celebration that has become a 2 treasured tradition in the community among people of every ethnic 3 heritage, and in the year 2017, the city's residents are once again 4 5 gathering in observance of this notable occasion; and 6 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo commemorates the stunning victory 7 achieved by Mexican troops over an invading French army at the battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862; led by General Ignacio Zaragoza 8 Seguin, an untrained militia of some 4,500 Mexicans routed 6,500 9 French soldiers, considered to be among the best military troops in

10 11 the world; and 12

WHEREAS, The Grand Prairie celebration of Cinco de Mayo not only pays tribute to a significant date in Mexican history but also assists area students through the raising of scholarship funds; this year's event would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the Cinco de Mayo Committee and the sponsorship of a number of local businesses and organizations; and

WHEREAS, In commemorating Cinco de Mayo, we honor the ideals of freedom and self-determination and the willingness to take on seemingly overwhelming odds in behalf of a worthwhile cause, and it is a pleasure to join the citizens of Grand Prairie in observing this proud day in Mexican history, a day whose significance continues to speak to people around the world; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

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- 1 Legislature hereby recognize the 30th annual Cinco de Mayo
- 2 celebration in Grand Prairie and extend to all those involved
- 3 sincere best wishes for a memorable event.