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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, April 9, 2017, will mark the 11th anniversary of the

2 Dallas Mega March for American Values and Justice; and

3 WHEREAS, The largest public protest in the city's history,

4 the Mega March drew between 350,000 and 500,000 participants who

5 joined together in support of immigration reform; and

6 WHEREAS, This powerful but peaceful gathering was sponsored

7 by LULAC and a coalition of Dallas-area groups, and it was attended

8 by throngs of people who trod the mile-long parade route in the

9 city's downtown; wearing white and carrying signs and American

10 flags, marchers highlighted the positive economic impact that

11 immigrants have on the U.S. economy and promoted changes that would

12 allow foreign workers an easier means of gaining legal status and

citizenship; the Dallas event was part of a series of rallies that

14 occurred across the country as federal lawmakers considered

15 immigration reform; and

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16 WHEREAS, The Mega March offered further proof that concerned

17 Texans, Hispanic and non-Hispanic alike, were committed to voicing

18 their opinions in the immigration debate; that spirit of civic

19 involvement remains strong, and it continues to both animate public

20 discussion and drive political activism focused on a range of

21 critical issues in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

Legislature hereby commemorate the 11th anniversary of the Dallas

24 Mega March for American Values and Justice on April 9, 2017, and pay

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- 1 tribute to all those who planned and took part in that historic
- 2 event.