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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Washington's Birthday Celebration Association,
2 in conjunction with its affiliated organizations, is presenting
3 Laredo's 120th commemoration of George Washington's birthday from
4 January 19 through February 20, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Every year, citizens of Laredo mark the birthday of
6 the Father of Our Country, in tribute to a champion of liberty who
7 is revered in countries throughout the Americas; for nearly a
8 century, the observance has been organized by the Washington's
9 Birthday Celebration Association, which is led this year by its
10 2016-2017 president, Eddie Villarreal; and

11 WHEREAS, Since the celebration's beginning as a two-day
12 affair in 1898, it has gradually evolved into a grand festival
13 encompassing numerous events and drawing some 400,000 people; those
14 attending the festivities enjoy marching bands and parade floats,
15 spectacular fireworks displays, food, games, and performances by
16 entertainers from both sides of the border; additionally, the
17 association annually selects two individuals to portray George and
18 Martha Washington at various celebration events, and this year the
19 honor has gone to Douglas Blair Howland and Linda Lopez-Howland;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, This much-anticipated celebration exemplifies the
22 spirit and enthusiasm of Laredoans and the pride they take in their
23 city and country; now, therefore, be it

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

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1 Legislature hereby recognize the members of the Washington's
2 Birthday Celebration Association for their patriotism and
3 dedication and extend to them sincere best wishes for a joyous 120th
4 Washington's Birthday Celebration; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the
7 Texas House of Representatives.