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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Distinguished citizens of Irving are gathering on
2 February 22, 2017, to celebrate Irving Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, The Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce is the
4 first Five Star Chamber of Commerce in Texas and actively
5 represents the interests of the largest business park in North
6 Texas; and

7 WHEREAS, Irving began its period of rapid growth in the
8 mid-20th century; the Plymouth Park Shopping Center opened in 1955,
9 the University of Dallas in 1956, and Irving Community Hospital in
10 1964; the creation of DFW International Airport and the creation of
11 Las Colinas and Valley Ranch master-planned business and
12 residential communities contributed further to the city's growth,
13 and for more than four decades, the city has been home to the Big 12,
14 Conference USA, and the National Football Foundation; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, with the first Five Star Chamber of Commerce
16 in Texas and a population of approximately 225,000, Irving is home
17 to more than 8,500 companies, including the Fortune 500 global
18 headquarters of ExxonMobil, Kimberly-Clark, Commercial Metals,
19 Celanese Corporation, and the Fluor Corporation, and the Fortune
20 1000 global headquarters for the Michaels Company, Pioneer Natural
21 Resources, Flowserve Corporation, and Darling Ingredients; other
22 major employers include such companies as AT&T, ACE Cash Express,
23 Aviall, Citi, HMS, Kroger Stores, Microsoft, TXU Energy, and
24 Verizon; and

1 WHEREAS, Irving's educational resources make it a fine place
2 to live and work; the University of Dallas, North Lake College, and
3 eight other institutions of higher education offer opportunities
4 for study and personal growth; and

5 WHEREAS, The Irving Arts Center, three symphony orchestras,
6 and two award-winning theater companies, as well as the gondolas at
7 the Mandalay Canal, the museum and sculpture of the Mustangs of Las
8 Colinas, and the AT&T Byron Nelson Golf Championship all provide
9 entertainment for residents and visitors alike; and

10 WHEREAS, Benefiting greatly from the farsighted leadership
11 of Mayor Beth Van Duyne, City Manager Chris Hillman, and city
12 council members John Danish, Allan Meagher, Dennis Webb, Phil
13 Riddle, Oscar Ward, Brad LaMorgese, Kyle Taylor, and David Palmer,
14 Irving is a forward-looking and vibrant city, and its creative and
15 hardworking citizens are to be commended for their contributions to
16 the prosperity of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize February 22, 2017, as Irving Day at
19 the State Capitol and extend to its mayor, city council members,
20 city manager, corporate executives, chamber representatives, and
21 other citizens present today a warm welcome to Austin.