

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dedicated members of the Grand Prairie Unity
2 Coalition are gathering on February 23, 2017, for the group's 12th
3 annual Unity Fund-Raiser Banquet; and

4 WHEREAS, GPUC was established by city council member Richard
5 Fregoe in 2004 with the worthwhile goal of promoting awareness,
6 inclusiveness, and community spirit; and

7 WHEREAS, Over the years, the diverse membership of GPUC has
8 promoted cross-cultural understanding through its participation in
9 many events, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade and
10 program, the Cinco de Mayo parade, a Native American powwow, and the
11 annual Juneteenth parade; the group has also collaborated with area
12 businesses and with such organizations as the NAACP and LULAC; as a
13 result of the coalition's contributions, the City of Grand Prairie
14 was acknowledged as an Inclusive City by the National League of
15 Cities in 2006; and

16 WHEREAS, The annual Unity Banquet is the organization's
17 signature event, and a highlight of the festivities is the
18 announcement of the student art contest winners; conducted in
19 coordination with the Grand Prairie Arts Council, this year's
20 competition celebrates the theme "Promoting Unity and
21 Understanding in Our Community"; in addition, the evening will
22 feature as keynote speaker Grand Prairie Independent School
23 District superintendent Dr. Susan Hull, as well as a performance by
24 the district's award-winning mariachi band; and

1 WHEREAS, Through their commitment to furthering acceptance
2 and diversity, the members of the Grand Prairie Unity Coalition are
3 helping to build a stronger and more vibrant community, and their
4 accomplishments are indeed deserving of special recognition; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor the Grand Prairie Unity Coalition on the
8 occasion of its 12th annual Unity Fund-Raiser Banquet and extend to
9 the members of this noteworthy organization sincere best wishes for
10 continued success with their important work; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the coalition as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.

Turner
Anderson of Dallas
Alonzo
Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 489

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 489 was adopted by the House on
February 20, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House