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H.R. No. 489

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.