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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, For over a decade, the Grand Prairie Unity Coalition

2 has brought together individuals who represent a variety of

3 cultural backgrounds and share a commitment to making Grand Prairie

4 a more welcoming and inclusive place for all; and

5 WHEREAS, The group was established in 2004 by city council

6 member Richard Fregoe; meetings are held monthly at the Grand

7 Prairie City Hall, providing residents with the opportunity to

8 offer their perspectives and exchange ideas on how to promote

9 tolerance and celebrate diversity in the community; and

10 WHEREAS, Members of the coalition have taken part in a wide

11 range of cultural events, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Day

parade and program, the Cinco de Mayo parade, the annual Juneteenth

13 parade, and a Native American powwow, and the coalition also

14 sponsors an annual Unity Banquet and student art contest;

15 furthermore, the group collaborates with area businesses and with

16 organizations such as the NAACP and LULAC; the efforts of its

17 members have contributed to Grand Prairie's recognition as an

18 Inclusive City by the National League of Cities in 2006; and

19 WHEREAS, By encouraging friendship and an appreciation for

20 the uniqueness of every individual, the dedicated men and women of

21 the Grand Prairie Unity Coalition have made a positive and lasting

22 difference in their community, and they may take justifiable pride

23 in all that they have accomplished; now, therefore, be it

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

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- 1 Legislature hereby honor the Grand Prairie Unity Coalition and
- 2 extend to all those affiliated with the organization sincere best
- 3 wishes for the future; and, be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 5 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 6 House of Representatives.