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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 10th annual DFW Dragon Boat, Kite, and Lantern
2 Festival is being held on May 21, 2017, in Irving; and

3 WHEREAS, The gathering features dragon boat races, kite
4 making and flying, lantern displays, traditional Asian food, dance
5 performances, a parade, and many more attractions; the event is
6 hosted by the Marco Polo World Foundation, a nonprofit organization
7 that seeks to enhance cultural understanding among area residents
8 through not only the festival but also scholarships, internships,
9 and seminars; and

10 WHEREAS, Supported by numerous community volunteers and
11 sponsors, the festival has been held since 2007 and has rapidly
12 grown in popularity, with thousands of people attending each year;
13 this year's racing event is slated to feature over 50 dragon boat
14 teams, including Boy Scout groups, city, corporate, and community
15 teams, and professional dragon boaters; in addition, a team
16 traveling from China is demonstrating the traditional style of
17 Chinese dragon boat racing; and

18 WHEREAS, Each year, the DFW Dragon Boat, Kite, and Lantern
19 Festival contributes to greater awareness and good fellowship among
20 citizens of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, and this rich cultural
21 experience is indeed a testament to the vibrant diversity of the
22 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
24 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2017 Dragon Boat, Kite, and

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1 Lantern Festival and extend to the event's organizers,
2 participants, and guests sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and
3 memorable event; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the Marco Polo World Foundation as an expression of
6 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.