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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Dripping Springs are celebrating
2 the town's 30th annual Founders Day Festival from April 21 to 23,
3 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Founders Day honors three families from
5 Mississippi, those of Dr. Joseph and Sarah Pound, John and Indiana
6 Moss, and John and Malvina Wallace, who made this area their home in
7 1854; early residents of the community initially engaged in
8 subsistence farming, but by 1884 agriculture had expanded and
9 Dripping Springs had acquired a steam gristmill and a cotton gin;
10 the wool and mohair industry subsequently played an important role
11 in the local economy and continued to do so into the 1970s; and

12 WHEREAS, Incorporated in August 1981, Dripping Springs is
13 today a popular tourist destination, noted especially for its
14 breweries, wineries, and distilleries; the community also hosts
15 more than 1,000 weddings each year, and in 2015, the 84th Texas
16 Legislature officially declared Dripping Springs the Wedding
17 Capital of Texas; and

18 WHEREAS, Hosted by the City of Dripping Springs and the
19 Founders Day Commission, the Founders Day celebration features a
20 parade, a carnival, musical performances, street dances, arts and
21 crafts displays, and cook-off competitions; proceeds directly
22 benefit local churches, school and park programs, youth groups, and
23 charities; and

24 WHEREAS, Delighting both residents and visitors alike, this

1 highly anticipated event is the product of countless volunteer
2 hours and a robust community spirit, and it is a pleasure to join in
3 paying tribute to the rich heritage that it celebrates; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 30th annual Founders Day
7 Festival in Dripping Springs and extend to its organizers,
8 volunteers, performers, and guests sincere best wishes for an
9 exciting and memorable event.