

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 268

WHEREAS, Distinguished citizens of Irving are gathering on February 22, 2017, to celebrate Irving Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce is the first Five Star Chamber of Commerce in Texas and actively represents the interests of the largest business park in North Texas; and

WHEREAS, Irving began its period of rapid growth in the mid-20th century; the Plymouth Park Shopping Center opened in 1955, the University of Dallas in 1956, and Irving Community Hospital in 1964; the creation of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and the creation of Las Colinas and Valley Ranch master-planned business and residential communities contributed further to the city's growth, and for more than four decades, the city has been home to the Big 12, Conference USA, and the National Football Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Today, with the first Five Star Chamber of Commerce in Texas and a population of approximately 225,000, Irving is home to more than 8,500 companies, including the Fortune 500 global headquarters of ExxonMobil, Kimberly-Clark, Commercial Metals, Celanese Corporation, and the Fluor Corporation, and the Fortune 1000 global headquarters for the Michaels Company, Pioneer Natural Resources, Flowserve Corporation, and Darling Ingredients; other major employers include such companies as AT&T, ACE Cash Express, Aviall, Citi, HMS, Kroger Stores, Microsoft, TXU Energy, and Verizon; and

WHEREAS, Irving's educational resources make it a fine place to live and work; the University of Dallas, North Lake College, and eight other institutions of higher education offer opportunities for study and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, The Irving Arts Center, three symphony orchestras, and two award-winning theater companies, as well as the gondolas at the Mandalay Canal, the museum and sculpture of the Mustangs of Las Colinas, and the AT&T Byron Nelson Golf Championship all provide entertainment for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, Benefiting greatly from the farsighted leadership of Mayor Beth Van Duyne, City Manager Chris Hillman, and city council members John Danish, Allan Meagher, Dennis Webb, Phil Riddle, Oscar Ward, Brad LaMorgese, Kyle Taylor, and David Palmer, Irving is a forward-looking and vibrant city, and its creative and hardworking citizens are to be commended for their contributions to the prosperity of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby recognize February 22, 2017, as Irving Day at the State Capitol and extend to its mayor, city council members, city manager, corporate executives, chamber representatives, and other citizens present today a warm welcome to Austin.

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Hancock, West

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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