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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Coppel are gathering at the
2 State Capitol to celebrate Coppel Day on February 27, 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, The first known settler in what was originally
4 called Grapevine Springs was James Parish, who moved to the area in
5 the mid-1800s; in time, a farming community developed, and its post
6 office took the name Gibbs in honor of Barnett Gibbs, a Dallas
7 lawyer, civic leader, politician, and local real estate investor;
8 strongly supported by the state's farmers, Mr. Gibbs served in the
9 1880s as lieutenant governor; and

10 WHEREAS, The young town acquired rail connections in 1888
11 with the arrival of the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Railway, and
12 in 1890, the station there was named Coppel, probably after New
13 York financier George Coppel, who had provided crucial assistance
14 to the rail line; two years later, the town adopted the name
15 Coppel, and the city incorporated in 1955; and

16 WHEREAS, Originally an agricultural center, Coppel today
17 boasts numerous businesses and is a thriving residential community
18 with excellent services, an exemplary parks and recreation system,
19 and safe neighborhoods; the city benefits from its central location
20 at the heart of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, only five miles
21 from DFW International Airport and 30 minutes from both Dallas and
22 Fort Worth; in 2012 and again in 2014, it was named one of the best
23 suburbs in the region by *D Magazine*, and it has been further
24 recognized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and

1 Keep Texas Beautiful; and

2 WHEREAS, More than 12,800 students are enrolled in the
3 Coppell Independent School District, a premier public school system
4 with high-performing schools; the district's mission statement
5 reads, "Working together, we are committed to creating profound
6 learning experiences for each child, while nurturing meaningful
7 relationships, to positively impact our world," and its core values
8 revolve around the themes of engagement, great teaching,
9 relationships, and redefining success; and

10 WHEREAS, Coppell residents are building on their past
11 achievements as they work toward an even brighter future, and it is
12 indeed fitting to take this opportunity to honor them; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
15 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2019, as Coppell Day at
16 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
17 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.