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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud residents of Arlington are gathering on
2 Independence Day for the 2019 Fourth of July Parade; and

3 WHEREAS, The city's longest-running event, the parade was
4 launched in 1965 by an engaged citizen, Dottie Lynn, and Church
5 Women United; the inaugural parade in Randol Mill Park was composed
6 largely of children on bicycles decorated in red, white, and blue;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The parade became increasingly popular and outgrew
9 the park; today, it covers a two-mile route through downtown and The
10 University of Texas at Arlington's College Park District, and it
11 features some 150 entries, including professionally built floats as
12 well as smaller conveyances designed and created by businesses,
13 organizations, churches, and youth groups; the event is organized
14 by the dedicated volunteers of the Arlington Fourth of July
15 Association; and

16 WHEREAS, Each year, approximately 75,000 people attend the
17 parade; many of them pitch tents the night before to secure the best
18 viewing angles for the two-hour spectacle; in addition, homeowners
19 along the route host parties on their porches and lawns; the parade
20 is also telecast live on the Arlington Independent School
21 District's station and streamed on its website, and radio listeners
22 can hear broadcasts from the event by local stations; and

23 WHEREAS, For more than a half century, the Arlington Fourth
24 of July Parade has provided an opportunity for area residents to

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1 express their patriotism and celebrate our nation's founding in the
2 company of their fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2019 Arlington Fourth of July
5 Parade and extend to all those in attendance sincere best wishes for
6 a memorable and enjoyable event.