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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Each year, area residents gather together for the Unity Fundraiser Banquet hosted by the Grand Prairie Unity Coalition; and

WHEREAS, GPUC was established by former city council member Richard Fregoe in 2004 with the worthwhile goal of promoting awareness, inclusiveness, and community spirit through education and association; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the diverse membership of GPUC has fostered cross-cultural understanding through its participation in many events, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade and program, the Cinco de Mayo parade, a Native American powwow, and the annual Juneteenth parade; the group has also collaborated with area businesses and with such organizations as the NAACP and LULAC; as a result of the coalition's work, the City of Grand Prairie was acknowledged as an Inclusive City by the National League of Cities in 2006; and

WHEREAS, The annual Unity Fundraiser Banquet is GPUC's signature event, and it provides sponsors and attendees with the opportunity to help advance the coalition's mission through charitable donations; over the years, the banquet has featured a number of notable civic leaders as keynote speakers; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Grand Prairie Unity Coalition have proven themselves to be effective advocates in their efforts to build a more unified community, and the organization is indeed worthy of commendation for its many valuable contributions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the Unity Fundraiser Banquet hosted by the Grand Prairie Unity Coalition and extend to the members of the organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for GPUC as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.