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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, For many years, Asia Times Square in Grand Prairie 2 has brought together Asian American families for the excitement and 3 revelry of the Mid-Autumn Festival; and

WHEREAS, Asia Times Square, a hub for shopping, business, and culture for Grand Prairie's Asian American communities, is one of the largest Asian markets in Texas; founded in the 1980s by Grant Loh, an immigrant from Vietnam, it was originally a market catering to local Vietnamese American families, and it has since grown into a multipurpose center with an assortment of restaurants, boutiques, grocers, beauty and health stores, and other retailers; and

11 WHEREAS, Each year, Asia Times Square hosts a number of 12 special events to coincide with traditional Asian holidays; the Mid-Autumn Festival, which falls on the 15th day of the eighth month 13 14 of the lunar calendar, is one of the most important and popular celebrations for people of Chinese, Vietnamese, or other Asian 15 16 ancestry; customs vary across cultures, but during the festival, families typically gather together to enjoy mooncakes, the 17 holiday's most iconic food, while watching and admiring the full 18 moon at the time of year when it is at its brightest; and 19

20 WHEREAS, The Asia Times Square Mid-Autumn Festival provides 21 area Texans with the opportunity to share in the rich and diverse 22 traditions of local Asian American communities, and it is a 23 pleasure to join in recognizing this highly anticipated annual 24 event; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas 2 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Asia Times Square in 3 Grand Prairie on its annual Mid-Autumn Festival and extend sincere 4 best wishes to all those who observe this special holiday; and, be 5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 7 prepared for Asia Times Square as an expression of high regard by 8 the Texas House of Representatives.