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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Fly, Lower, and Gather Program is hosting its
2 fifth annual fundraiser on June 12, 2021, in Dallas; and

3 WHEREAS, In the fall of 2010, retired U.S. Air Force Master
4 Sergeant Jim Rodriguez of Waxahachie noticed that his daughter's
5 school was not following proper procedure in raising the American
6 flag every day; he contacted the principal and proposed engaging
7 students in this activity in a meaningful way; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Rodriguez founded the F.L.A.G. Program to help
9 students learn about the history of the American flag, as well as
10 the time-honored protocol surrounding its display; the initiative
11 encourages youngsters to take pride in their country and teaches
12 them about their state flag as well; and

13 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the F.L.A.G. Program has been
14 adopted by schools in numerous cities in Texas as well as
15 communities in Arizona, Louisiana, and Oklahoma; students accept
16 the responsibility for the appropriate display and care of flags,
17 and participants are recognized by the program sponsors with a
18 Citizenship Award; and

19 WHEREAS, The 2021 F.L.A.G. fundraiser also serves as a Flag
20 Day celebration; commemorating the adoption of the Stars and
21 Stripes as the official flag of the United States, the observance
22 traces its origins back to May 30, 1916, when President Woodrow
23 Wilson issued a proclamation establishing a national Flag Day on
24 June 14; each year, Americans recognize Flag Day by displaying the

1 Star-Spangled Banner in front of homes and businesses; and

2 WHEREAS, The F.L.A.G. Program has instilled in numerous young
3 people a greater appreciation for an important ritual as well as a
4 lasting sense of national pride and patriotism; now, therefore, be
5 it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor the Fly, Lower, and Gather Program on the
8 occasion of its fifth annual fundraiser and extend to all those
9 involved in this worthy endeavor sincere best wishes for the
10 future; and, be it further

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