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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Proud residents of Coppell are gathering at the State Capitol to celebrate Coppell Day on March 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The first known settler in what was originally called Grapevine Springs was James Parish, who moved to the area in the mid-1800s; in time, a farming community developed, and it was renamed Gibbs in honor of Barnett Gibbs, a Dallas lawyer, civic leader, politician, and local real estate investor; strongly supported by the state's farmers, Mr. Gibbs served in the 1880s as lieutenant governor; the young town acquired rail connections in 1888 with the arrival of the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Railway, and in the early 1890s, it was renamed Coppell, in honor of New York financier George Coppell, who had provided crucial assistance to the rail line; the city incorporated in 1955; and

WHEREAS, Coppell today is home to nearly 1,500 businesses, including 45 corporate headquarters and nearly a dozen Fortune 500 companies; it boasts a thriving residential community that enjoys excellent services, exemplary parks, and safe neighborhoods, and it benefits from its central location at the heart of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, only five miles from DFW International Airport and 30 minutes from both Dallas and Fort Worth; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, the city was honored with consecutive National Gold Medal Awards by the National Recreation and Park Association, a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association, and a Certificate of Distinction by the Government Treasurers' Organization of Texas, in addition to receiving AAA bond ratings by both Moody's and Standard and a Certificate of Achievement from the Richard R. Lillie, FAICP Planning Excellence Recognition Program of the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association; it was also ranked 25th among the 100 Best Fleets in the Americas by NAFA Fleet Management Association, and it was recognized as a National Night Out winner in 2022, placing fourth in the nation among similarly sized cities that participated in the campaign; and

WHEREAS, Coppell Independent School District, a premier public school system with high-performing schools, is home to more than 13,400 students, who represent a wide range of countries, languages, and cultural and ethnic backgrounds; the district is committed to creating profound learning experiences for each child and focuses on themes of collective engagement, great teaching, authentic relationships, and redefining success; and

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

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas Legislature hereby recognize March 2, 2023, as Coppell Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation.