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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Distinguished citizens of Irving-Las Colinas are  
2 gathering on March 1, 2023, to celebrate Irving-Las Colinas Day at  
3 the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, which is  
5 recognized as the first Five Star Chamber of Commerce in Texas,  
6 actively represents the interests of the largest business park in  
7 North Texas and is celebrating 90 years of service to the area's  
8 thriving business community; for the last five decades, area  
9 residents have also benefited from access to Las Colinas  
10 Association, which helps to maintain a premier master-planned  
11 community, as well as the Irving Convention and Visitor's Bureau  
12 and Visit Irving, which have ably represented the hospitality  
13 industry community in Irving-Las Colinas for the past half century;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Irving began its period of rapid growth in the  
16 mid-20th century; the Plymouth Park Shopping Center opened in 1955,  
17 followed by the opening of the University of Dallas in 1956 and  
18 Irving Community Hospital in 1964; the creation of DFW  
19 International Airport and the creation of Las Colinas and Valley  
20 Ranch master-planned business and residential communities  
21 contributed further to the city's growth, and for more than four  
22 decades, the city has been home to the Big 12 Conference  
23 headquarters and the National Football Foundation; and

24 WHEREAS, Today, with a population of more than 254,000,

1 Irving has been ranked as the second most culturally diverse city in  
2 the United States and is known as the "Headquarters of  
3 Headquarters," with more headquarters per capita than any other  
4 city in the State of Texas; Irving is home to more than 8,500  
5 companies, including 10 Fortune 500 global headquarters:  
6 ExxonMobil, McKesson Corporation, Caterpillar, Builders  
7 FirstSource, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Pioneer Natural  
8 Resources, Fluor Corporation, Vistra Energy, Celanese Corporation,  
9 and Commercial Metals Company, as well as the Fortune 1000 global  
10 headquarters for The Michaels Companies, Darling Ingredients,  
11 Nexstar Media Group, and Flowserve Corporation; other major  
12 employers include such companies as 7-Eleven, Allstate Insurance  
13 Company, AT&T, The Boeing Company, CHRISTUS Health, Citigroup,  
14 Inc., Keurig Dr Pepper, Envoy Air, Frito-Lay, Microsoft  
15 Corporation, Mission Foods, NCH Corporation, NEC Corporation of  
16 America, Neiman Marcus Direct, Trader Joe's, Trend Micro, TXOne  
17 Networks, and Verizon; and

18 WHEREAS, Irving's educational resources make it a fine place  
19 to live and work; the University of Dallas, Dallas College North  
20 Lake Campus, and eight other institutions of higher education offer  
21 opportunities for study and personal growth; and

22 WHEREAS, The Irving Arts Center, which was recognized as the  
23 best arts center in Texas by the program *Official Best of America* in  
24 2022, is home to three symphony orchestras and two award-winning  
25 theater companies; other local attractions include the gondolas at  
26 the Mandalay Canal, the museum and sculpture of the Mustangs of Las  
27 Colinas, the Toyota Music Factory, and Gables Water Street, which

1 provide entertainment for residents and visitors alike; and

2 WHEREAS, Benefiting greatly from the farsighted leadership  
3 of mayor Rick Stopfer, city manager Chris Hillman, and city council  
4 members John Bloch, Brad M. LaMorgese, Mark Zeske, Phil Riddle, J.  
5 Oscar Ward, Al Zapanta, Kyle Taylor, and Dennis Webb, Irving is a  
6 forward-looking and vibrant city, and its creative and hardworking  
7 citizens are to be commended for their contributions to the  
8 prosperity of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2023, as Irving-Las Colinas  
11 Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the local  
12 government officials, corporate executives, chamber  
13 representatives, and other citizens present today.