

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce are
2 visiting the State Capitol on March 1, 2023, providing a welcome
3 opportunity to pay tribute to this outstanding organization and the
4 city it serves; and

5 WHEREAS, Located in North Texas, Grand Prairie is west of
6 downtown Dallas in Dallas and Tarrant Counties; the first settlers
7 arrived in the area before the Civil War, and the community traces
8 its roots back to 1863, when A. M. Dechman's wagon broke down on his
9 trip from Jacksonville, Texas, to Fort Belknap with supplies for
10 the army commissary; he traded his broken wagon, ox team, and \$200
11 for a 239-acre tract of land; and

12 WHEREAS, The community became known as Deckman, or Dechman,
13 when a post office was constructed in 1874, and the arrival of the
14 Texas and Pacific Railway brought additional growth; the railroad
15 company had already started referring to the town as "Grand
16 Prairie," which officially became the city's name in 1877; Grand
17 Prairie was incorporated in 1902, and by 1925, its population
18 exceeded 1,260; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, Grand Prairie is home to nearly 200,000
20 residents, and as part of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, it is in
21 one of the fastest-growing regions in the nation; under the
22 exceptional leadership of president and chief executive officer
23 Michelle Madden, chair Martin Caballero, and its board of
24 directors, the Grand Prairie chamber creates partnerships with

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1 business, civic, and educational leaders; among its resources for
2 entrepreneurs, the chamber oversees the Business Advisory Council,
3 which provides support to small businesses in Grand Prairie and
4 throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex; and

5 WHEREAS, The Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce has played an
6 important role in enhancing the community's economic vitality and
7 quality of life, and all those associated with the organization may
8 take pride in their contributions to the area's prosperity; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2023, as Grand Prairie
12 Chamber of Commerce Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm
13 welcome to the visiting delegation; and, be it further

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

González of Dallas
Turner
Davis
Bhojani
Sherman, Sr.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 362 was adopted by the House on March 1, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House