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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Coppell are gathering in Austin
2 to celebrate Coppell Day at the State Capitol on March 5, 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, The first known settler in what was originally
4 called Grapevine Springs was James Parish, who moved to the area in
5 the mid-1800s; in time, a farming community developed, and it was
6 renamed Gibbs in honor of Barnett Gibbs, a Dallas lawyer, civic
7 leader, politician, and local real estate investor; strongly
8 supported by the state's farmers, Mr. Gibbs served in the 1880s as
9 lieutenant governor; the young town acquired rail connections in
10 1888 with the arrival of the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Railway,
11 and in the early 1890s, it was renamed Coppell, in honor of New York
12 financier George Coppell, who had provided crucial assistance to
13 the rail line; the city incorporated in 1955; and

14 WHEREAS, Coppell today is home to more than 2,000 businesses,
15 including almost 30 corporate headquarters and nearly a dozen
16 Fortune 500 companies; the Coppell Chamber of Commerce advocates
17 for businesses at the local, state, and national levels and serves
18 as a valuable resource for training, networking, and educational
19 opportunities; moreover, the city boasts a thriving residential
20 community that enjoys excellent services, exemplary parks, and safe
21 neighborhoods, and it benefits from its central location at the
22 heart of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, only 5 miles from DFW
23 International Airport and 30 minutes from both Dallas and Fort
24 Worth; and

1 WHEREAS, In recent years, the city was honored with
2 consecutive National Gold Medal Awards by the National Recreation
3 and Park Association, a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence
4 in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers
5 Association, and a Certificate of Distinction by the Government
6 Treasurers' Organization of Texas, in addition to receiving AAA
7 bond ratings from both Moody's and S&P Global and a Certificate of
8 Achievement from the Richard R. Lillie, FAICP Planning Excellence
9 Recognition Program of the Texas Chapter of the American Planning
10 Association; it was also ranked 25th among the 100 Best Fleets in
11 the Americas by NAFA Fleet Management Association in 2022, and it
12 was recognized as a National Night Out winner in 2024, placing third
13 in the nation among similarly sized cities that participated in the
14 campaign; and

15 WHEREAS, Coppel Independent School District, a premier
16 public school system with high-performing schools, is home to more
17 than 13,000 students, who represent a wide range of countries,
18 languages, and cultural and ethnic backgrounds; the district is
19 committed to creating profound learning experiences for each child
20 and focuses on themes of collective engagement, great teaching,
21 authentic relationships, and redefining success; and

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

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
27 Legislature hereby recognize March 5, 2025, as Coppel Day at the

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1 State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation.