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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Proud residents of Grand Prairie are gathering in Austin on February 4, 2027, to celebrate Grand Prairie Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Located in the heart of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, Grand Prairie traces its history to 1863, when Alexander M. Dechman, an early settler to the area, filed title on his land with Dallas County; following the arrival of the Texas and Pacific Railroad in 1876, the area known as Dechman was renamed Grand Prairie in recognition of its location on the eastern edge of the vast prairie that stretches into West Texas; the community was officially incorporated in 1909; and

WHEREAS, Today, Grand Prairie is home to a diverse population of more than 207,000 citizens, and it has built a reputation as a hub of innovation, industry, and education; the city offers a variety of opportunities for recreation and entertainment, including the world-renowned Lone Star Park, Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark, and the Texas Trust CU Theatre, and it has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to arts, culture, and community engagement with venues such as the Grand Prairie Historical Museum; in addition, the city's schools, health care facilities, and public services reflect its dedication to providing high-quality resources for its residents; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce works to foster growth and prosperity through strategic investment in

infrastructure, transportation, and sustainable development, and it has helped to make the city an attractive destination for businesses and residents alike; in addition, it sponsors such programs as Leadership Grand Prairie, and members of its 2026-2027 class will among those visiting the Capitol in February; and

WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work together to build an even brighter future, the citizens of Grand Prairie may take justifiable pride in the important role their community continues to play in the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 90th Texas Legislature hereby recognize February 4, 2027, as Grand Prairie Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation.