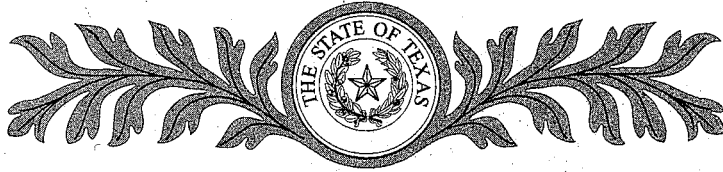


# The State of Texas



## RESOLUTION

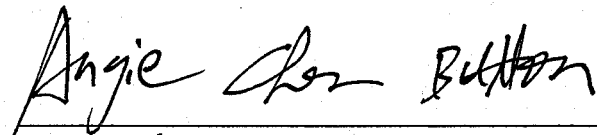
WHEREAS, Metroplex area residents are gathering for the 2010 DFW Dragon Boat, Kite, and Lantern Festival, being held on May 16 at Lake Carolyn in Irving; and

WHEREAS, This unique event features the titled attractions as well as traditional Asian food, performances, and arts and crafts, and it is hosted by the Marco Polo World Foundation, a nonprofit organization that seeks to promote multicultural understanding, education, and the sport of dragon boat racing; and

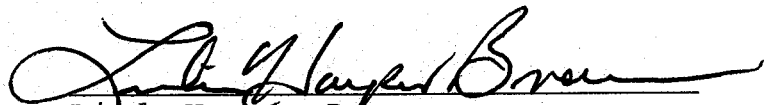
WHEREAS, The three main components of the DFW festival each showcase a particular Chinese custom with origins dating back more than 2,000 years; dragon boat racing began in China as a tribute to the hero and patriot Qu Yuan, and today it is a rapidly growing international sport; originally designed for communication during battles, kites are another legacy of ancient China that are widely used for recreation, and contests for both craftsmanship and flying skills remain popular; like kites, Chinese lanterns are works of art, and they are among the first documented portable light fixtures; moreover, the lanterns are often displayed, with intricate designs and portraits of historical figures, legends, and landscapes, at such festivals as the Chinese New Year and August Moon; and

WHEREAS, Each year the DFW Dragon Boat, Kite, and Lantern Festival contributes to greater awareness and understanding among our citizens, and this rich educational experience is indeed a testament to the cultural vitality of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 2010 DFW Dragon Boat, Kite, and Lantern Festival be commemorated and that its organizers, volunteers, and attendees be extended sincere best wishes for a successful and memorable event.



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