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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The City of Grand Prairie is hosting a Memorial Day
2 celebration at the Veterans Park Event Center on May 27, 2019, to
3 honor those who have served our nation in the military; and

4 WHEREAS, This observance was introduced after the Civil War
5 as a means of paying tribute to those who were killed on both sides
6 of the conflict; originally called Decoration Day for the practice
7 of adorning the graves of soldiers with flowers once a year, the
8 holiday came to be known as Memorial Day, a day to honor all of the
9 country's fallen; though it was celebrated on May 30 for a number of
10 decades, it has been observed on the final Monday in May since the
11 early 1970s; and

12 WHEREAS, In communities across the nation, veterans and their
13 fellow citizens gather in cemeteries and other public places to pay
14 tribute to the armed forces personnel who died protecting our
15 liberty; "Taps," the haunting bugle call customarily performed at
16 military funerals and memorials since the Civil War, is played
17 during these ceremonies, and in accordance with tradition, the
18 United States flag is lowered to half staff early in the day before
19 being raised again at noon; and

20 WHEREAS, The Memorial Day event in Grand Prairie will feature
21 a solemn reading of the names of servicemen and servicewomen from
22 the city who gave their lives, accompanied by the tolling of the
23 newly dedicated Brass Honor Bell; after a flyover by a vintage AT-6
24 aircraft, the wings of which were manufactured in the city, the

1 ceremony will conclude with a 21-gun salute by the Grand Prairie
2 Police Honor Guard and the playing of "Taps," followed by a lunch
3 provided by the Grand Prairie Rotary clubs; and

4 WHEREAS, Generations of Texans have answered their nation's
5 call to duty, and it is indeed appropriate that we reflect on all
6 that is asked of the men and women who serve and on the immeasurable
7 debt that is owed to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
10 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2019 Memorial Day observance in
11 Grand Prairie and extend sincere best wishes to the participants
12 and guests for a meaningful and memorable event.