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H.R. No. 40

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Rowlett are gathering in Austin on  
2 January 31, 2023, to celebrate Rowlett Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, The area around present-day Rowlett was first  
4 settled in the 1840s by members of the Peters and Mercer Colonies; a  
5 post office was set up in 1880, and the town was eventually named  
6 Rowlett after Rowlett Creek, a tributary of the east fork of the  
7 Trinity River; and

8 WHEREAS, With the arrival of the Dallas and Greenville  
9 Railway in 1889, the town soon became a prosperous cotton farming  
10 community with a school, churches, and businesses, and it also  
11 benefited from being a stop on one of the nation's first  
12 transcontinental highways, the Bankhead Highway; the city was  
13 incorporated in 1952 by a vote of 84 citizens; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, Rowlett has grown into a thriving city of  
15 more than 60,000 residents who enjoy 30 miles of beautiful Lake Ray  
16 Hubbard shoreline; it has been named a Tree City USA, and it has  
17 been ranked as one of the safest cities in the state; Rowlett has  
18 also won recognition from the Texas Economic Development Council  
19 and the *Dallas Business Journal* for its economic development  
20 achievements; the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce was established in  
21 1924, and it has continued to play a vital role in local development  
22 as this small, agricultural town has grown into a modern city with a  
23 vibrant downtown business district; and

24 WHEREAS, Honoring their heritage as they embrace the

1 opportunities of the future, the citizens of Rowlett may take  
2 justifiable pride in the fine Texas city they call home; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby recognize January 31, 2023, as Rowlett Day at  
6 the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting  
7 delegation.