

By: Hardcastle

H.R. No. 944

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On April 29, 2003, the citizens of Seymour are
2 gathering in Austin to celebrate Seymour Day at the State Capitol,
3 and this event affords an ideal time to recognize the area's many
4 fine attributes; and

5 WHEREAS, Situated in North Central Texas, at the crossroads
6 of State Highway 114 and U.S. Highways 82, 183, 283, and 277,
7 Seymour was founded by settlers from Oregon who originally planned
8 to call their new home Oregon City; and

9 WHEREAS, Seymour is the county seat of Baylor County, which
10 was created in 1858 and named to honor H. W. Baylor, a surgeon with
11 the Texas Rangers; ranchers formed the nucleus of the city's early
12 population, followed by farmers, merchants, and business
13 professionals, and today's economy continues to rely primarily on
14 farming and ranching operations, including cattle, yearlings, and
15 wheat; and

16 WHEREAS, The Old Settlers' Reunion and Rodeo, established in
17 1896 by retired cowboy Jeff Scott, is a favorite summertime event
18 held the second weekend of July; festivities draw participants from
19 throughout the nation to Seymour, which also hosts a dove hunters'
20 breakfast in September; area recreation options encompass a
21 multitude of leisure activities at Lake Kemp and other nearby
22 lakes, as well as excellent hunting and fishing opportunities and
23 an autumn leaves festival in October; and

24 WHEREAS, Enhancing the city's vitality are outstanding

1 educational and medical institutions; three of the Seymour
2 Independent School District's campuses have been rated "exemplary"
3 by the Texas Education Agency while the entire district was granted
4 five stars by *Texas Monthly* magazine and named a top 10 district in
5 its size category; and

6 WHEREAS, The Seymour Rural Health Care System includes
7 exceptional care from the staff of a local clinic, emergency
8 medical services system, and a hospital with an intern program
9 affiliated with John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth and an
10 expanded nursing school connected to Vernon College; and

11 WHEREAS, Residents of Seymour can look with justifiable pride
12 on their community's past, while they eagerly embrace the
13 challenges and opportunities of the years to come, and it gives the
14 members of this chamber great pleasure to salute this fine Texas
15 city; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize April 29, 2003, as Seymour Day at the
18 State Capitol and extend to the visitors from Seymour best wishes
19 for a memorable and enjoyable stay in Austin.