

By: Cook

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize February 3 and 4, 2009, as Palestine Days at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The seat of Anderson County, Palestine was founded
5 in March of 1846, a few months after Texas was admitted to the
6 United States in December of 1845; and

7 WHEREAS, Palestine was largely an agrarian community until
8 1872, when the International and Great Northern Railroad was
9 founded and established its headquarters in the city; Palestine
10 then grew rapidly throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries; and

11 WHEREAS, A mecca of historic resources, Palestine has more
12 than 1,800 historic houses and buildings, most of which are located
13 in the four National Register Historic Districts and three local
14 Palestine Historic Districts; and

15 WHEREAS, Noted for its exceptional success in preserving its
16 historical integrity, Palestine is a Texas Main Street City, a
17 National Main Street City, and a Preserve America City; and

18 WHEREAS, The Texas Historical Commission, the City of
19 Palestine, the Palestine Economic Development Corporation, and the
20 citizens, businesses, and civic organizations of Palestine deserve
21 recognition for preserving the city's rich past and for retaining
22 the charm the city offers residents and visitors today; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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1 Legislature hereby express appreciation to the citizens of
2 Palestine for their contributions to our state and extend best
3 wishes for the future to all who are celebrating Palestine Days at
4 the State Capitol.