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H.R. No. 658

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Representatives from the Cleburne Chamber of
2 Commerce and the Cleburne Tuesday Forum are visiting the State
3 Capitol on March 3, 2009, and this occasion provides a fitting
4 opportunity to pay tribute to the rich history of this Johnson
5 County community; and

6 WHEREAS, The county seat, Cleburne was incorporated in 1871
7 and named in honor of Confederate general Patrick R. Cleburne;
8 built near the earliest Johnson County road, it grew steadily as a
9 crossroads and transportation center; in 1881, the Gulf, Colorado,
10 and Santa Fe Railway was completed, stretching from Fort Worth
11 through Cleburne to Temple, and by 1890, the town's population had
12 risen to nearly 3,800; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1919, 84 charter members established the Cleburne
14 Chamber of Commerce with the goal of increasing local business;
15 around the time of its inception, the chamber was serving a
16 population of more than 12,000, and one of its first priorities was
17 to give the citizens better roads; after helping build U.S. Highway
18 67, the organization worked to develop State Highway 122, which led
19 from Cleburne to Weatherford, and it also focused on promoting such
20 vital industries as agriculture; today, the chamber continues to
21 serve as a focal point for business and community development and is
22 commemorating the 90th anniversary of its founding in 2009; and

23 WHEREAS, By the late 1960s, another group of dedicated
24 residents had emerged to address the concerns of the community;

1 created by local Rotarians as a platform for discussing current
2 issues, the Cleburne Tuesday Forum is made up of the top 100
3 business leaders in Johnson County, who come together for monthly
4 luncheons; working alongside one another, the Cleburne Tuesday
5 Forum and Chamber of Commerce serve an area that today includes 40
6 manufacturing facilities, a regional hospital, a community college
7 extension center, and a population of nearly 30,000; the city also
8 features Cleburne State Park, Lake Pat Cleburne, and Carnegie
9 Library, which houses the Layland Museum and a community theater
10 group; and

11 WHEREAS, The citizens of Cleburne are working to preserve the
12 best of their past even as they look forward to a bright and
13 promising future, and they may indeed reflect with great pride on
14 the place they call home; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
16 Legislature hereby honor the Cleburne Chamber of Commerce and the
17 Cleburne Tuesday Forum for their civic contributions and extend a
18 warm welcome to the delegates who are present in the State Capitol
19 today; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
21 for the Cleburne Chamber of Commerce and the Cleburne Tuesday Forum
22 as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
23 Representatives.