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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Pearland are gathering in Austin  
2 on February 23, 2011, to celebrate Pearland Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in Brazoria County, Pearland was originally  
5 established as Mark Belt in 1893, but in November of that year, its  
6 name was changed to Pearland to reflect the large number of pear  
7 trees in the area; by 1898, the town had a newspaper, 12 businesses,  
8 and 75 residents; however, its growth slowed considerably and many  
9 of its fruit trees were destroyed when it was hit by the Galveston  
10 hurricane in 1900; the planting of oranges and figs helped revive  
11 local agriculture, until the freeze of 1918 caused another wave of  
12 damage; Pearland bounced back a second time, though, and in 1934,  
13 oil and gas were discovered in the area, prompting significant  
14 growth in the decades that followed; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, while enjoying the benefits of its proximity  
16 to Houston and such sites as the Johnson Space Center and Galveston  
17 Beach, Pearland maintains its own unique character; in 1999, it was  
18 named an All-America City by the National Civic League, and its  
19 notable attractions include Cole's Antique Village and Flea Market,  
20 which features more than 900 dealers from across the state, and  
21 Pearland Town Center; and

22 WHEREAS, With a colorful history, an abundance of natural  
23 resources, and a small-town feel, Pearland is a desirable community  
24 in which to live, work, and raise a family, and its residents may

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1 indeed take justifiable pride in the place they call home; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
4 Legislature hereby recognize February 23, 2011, as Pearland Day at  
5 the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting  
6 delegation that is present at the Capitol today.