

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents and community leaders from Balch Springs  
2 are gathering at the State Capitol on April 19, 2011, to take part  
3 in Balch Springs Day, and this occasion provides a welcome  
4 opportunity to honor the history and achievements of this notable  
5 North Texas community; and

6           WHEREAS, The city traces its history to the 1870s, when John  
7 Balch, who had fought for the independence of Texas at the Battle of  
8 San Jacinto and other engagements, settled in the area with his  
9 family; his land contained a permanent spring that became a  
10 gathering place for nearby residents, and the settlement that took  
11 shape over the following decades was named for him and this vital  
12 water source; and

13           WHEREAS, Balch Springs was incorporated in 1953, when few  
14 more than 3,000 people lived there; the population rose in the  
15 decades that followed, with an increasing number of manufacturing  
16 companies and other businesses opening their doors; and

17           WHEREAS, Today, this bustling city is home to nearly 24,000  
18 people and serves as a southeastern gateway to the Metroplex; it  
19 offers convenient access to the surrounding area as well as to major  
20 interstate and international transportation routes, and its  
21 location, combined with its forward-looking civic leadership and  
22 productive workforce, has attracted numerous companies, including  
23 a number of firms in the telecommunications industry; and

24           WHEREAS, Quality of life is another factor in the city's

1 growth, and numerous residents have been drawn by its thriving  
2 community atmosphere, highly regarded schools, and myriad options  
3 for housing, entertainment, and recreation; and

4 WHEREAS, Offering a mixture of small-town charm and big-city  
5 convenience, Balch Springs is a great place to live, work, and  
6 conduct business, and its many contributions to the Lone Star State  
7 deserve to be honored and celebrated; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
9 Legislature hereby recognize April 19, 2011, as Balch Springs Day  
10 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
11 best wishes for a productive and enjoyable time in Austin.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1424 was adopted by the House on April 19, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House