

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 347

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize February 24, 2011, as Palestine Day at the State Capitol; and

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby express appreciation to the citizens of Palestine for their contributions to our state and extend best wishes for the future to all who are celebrating Palestine Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the City of Palestine.

Nichols

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate