

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1180

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the members of the Barton and Elder families on the special occasion of their family reunion, which is being held June 10 through June 12, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The descendants of the Barton and Elder families get together biennially to rejoice in their fellowship and commemorate their heritage; the reunion this year is taking place in Grapevine, and it is being hosted by Kamron Barton Clayton; and

WHEREAS, The earliest records of the Barton family reveal that the family included farmers and sharecroppers who moved to Texas from Alabama; Sam Barton is the first Barton family member listed in census records; Sam had one son, Ben Barton; Ben and his second wife, Liza Green Barton, had five children, one of whom was Robert Barton, who married Sadie Elder; and

WHEREAS, The Elder family came to Texas from Georgia and Virginia; its history begins with Charles Elder, who had five daughters; their daughter Rosetta and William Boyd were the parents of Sadie; and

WHEREAS, Sadie and Robert Barton were married on January 3, 1918, and became the parents of 15 children; Sadie was a devoted wife, mother, and homemaker; Robert worked hard as a farmer who also did carpentry and painting to provide for his family; their surviving children are Floyd Barton, Homer Barton, Charles Barton, Eulanda "Teeny" Yarbough, LaVerne Washington, Thelma "Bea" Borbin, and Linda Hendrix; and

WHEREAS, Sadie and Robert Barton were among the first families in the Navarro and Eureka communities to own a car and a

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radio, and their home was a favorite gathering place; they moved to Hester Grove later in life and bought the Tramel Farm in Kerens; Robert died in 1961, and Sadie died in 1980; they are both buried in the Cheneyboro Cemetery in Navarro County; and

WHEREAS, The descendants of Sadie and Robert Barton live a life based on faith and traditional family values, and they are leaders and productive members of their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend to the members of the Barton and Elder families best wishes for a joyous and memorable family reunion; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as a memento of this special occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 25, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate