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H.R. No. 135

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Kennedale are gathering to
2 celebrate Kennedale Day at the State Capitol on February 12, 2013;
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4 WHEREAS, Set among the rolling grasslands of southeast
5 Tarrant County, the site of Kennedale was originally inhabited by
6 Indian tribes who hunted and fished along Village Creek; the
7 Republic of Texas signed a treaty with the tribes in 1843, and
8 settlers began moving into the area over the following decades; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1882, John D. Hudson, C. B. Teague, and Oliver
10 S. Kennedy bought land around a mineral well; a post office was
11 opened on the land in 1884, and in 1886, a town was laid out and
12 named Kennedale, after Mr. Kennedy; that same year, the Fort Worth
13 and New Orleans Railway built a line through the town to Waxahachie,
14 along with a passenger depot and several section houses as
15 residences for its employees; during that era, the town became
16 known for its brickworks, and Kennedale brick was used in several
17 buildings in Fort Worth; and

18 WHEREAS, Today, Kennedale is an attractive and comfortable
19 community with easy access to the amenities of Fort Worth and
20 Arlington; residents and visitors alike enjoy the opportunities for
21 recreation available at Rodgers Farm Park and Sonora Park, and a
22 replica of one of the original railway section houses stands at
23 TownCenter Park to provide a colorful reminder of the city's
24 history; and

1 WHEREAS, The city continues to thrive under the leadership of
2 Mayor John Clark, Mayor Pro-Tem Brian Johnson, and city council
3 members Liz Carrington, Frank Fernandez, Charles Overstreet, and
4 Kelly Turner; also contributing to the community's growth and
5 prosperity are the board members of the Kennedale Chamber of
6 Commerce, including Chair Pat Doescher, Mark Biondi, Monica
7 Collier, Mike Frazier, Carl Hall, Bob Hart, Fred Moore, James
8 Mulroy, Naseem Patel, Donna Sellers, Deborah Su, and Joe Taylor;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Preserving the city's small-town charm while
11 working to build a bright future, the residents of Kennedale may
12 indeed take great pride in their community's heritage and promise;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
15 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2013, as Kennedale Day at
16 the State Capitol and extend to all those visiting from Kennedale
17 sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable day.