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H.R. No. 339

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Rowlett are gathering in Austin
2 on February 12, 2013, to celebrate Rowlett Day at the State Capitol;
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4 WHEREAS, The area around present-day Rowlett was first
5 settled in the 1840s by two immigration companies, the W. S. Peters
6 Colony and the Charles Mercer Colony; a post office was set up in
7 1880 and named Morris, after its first postmaster, but the name was
8 later changed to Rowlett, after Rowlett Creek, a tributary of the
9 east fork of the Trinity River; and

10 WHEREAS, The arrival of the Dallas and Greenville Railway in
11 1889 helped the town grow into a prosperous cotton farming
12 community with a school, churches, and businesses, and in 1921, it
13 was included on the route of the Bankhead Highway, the nation's
14 second cross-country paved highway; the city was incorporated in
15 1952 by a vote of 84 citizens; and

16 WHEREAS, Since the completion of the Lake Ray Hubbard
17 reservoir in 1971, Rowlett has grown into a thriving community of
18 56,000 residents who enjoy lakeside living along 30 miles of
19 beautiful shoreline; its citizens also enjoy easy access to Dallas
20 by way of the President George Bush Turnpike and the Dallas Area
21 Rapid Transit light rail system; it was named as a Tree City USA for
22 10 years in a row, and its economic development efforts have won
23 recognition from the Texas Economic Development Council and the
24 *Dallas Business Journal*; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to the many opportunities for recreation
2 afforded by Lake Ray Hubbard, residents of Rowlett also enjoy the
3 championship Waterview Golf Club and the Wet Zone Waterpark; the
4 town's popular annual events include an Easter egg hunt, fireworks
5 on the Fourth of July, the Movies on Main series, and a holiday
6 parade and tree lighting ceremony every Christmas; and

7 WHEREAS, Benefiting from all the amenities of the Dallas-Fort
8 Worth metroplex while preserving a hometown ambiance, the citizens
9 of Rowlett may take justifiable pride in their efforts to make their
10 town such an attractive and comfortable community in which to live,
11 work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2013, as Rowlett Day at
14 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
15 best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable stay in Austin.