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H.R. No. 614

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Pearland are gathering in Austin
2 on February 27, 2013, to celebrate Pearland Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in Brazoria County, Pearland was originally
5 established as Mark Belt in 1893, but in November of that year, its
6 name was changed to Pearland to reflect the large number of pear
7 trees in the area; by 1898, the town had a newspaper, 12 businesses,
8 and 75 residents; however, its growth slowed considerably and many
9 of its fruit trees were destroyed when it was hit by the Galveston
10 hurricane in 1900; the planting of oranges and figs helped revive
11 local agriculture, until the freeze of 1918 caused another wave of
12 damage; Pearland bounced back a second time, though, and in 1934,
13 oil and gas were discovered in the area, prompting significant
14 growth in the decades that followed; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, while enjoying the benefits of its proximity
16 to Houston and such sites as the Johnson Space Center and Galveston
17 Beach, Pearland maintains its own unique character; in 1999, it was
18 named an All-America City by the National Civic League, and its
19 notable attractions include Cole's Antique Village and Flea Market,
20 which features more than 1,300 dealers from across the state, and
21 Pearland Town Center, a mixed-use development of retail outlets,
22 hotel accommodations, and residential units; and

23 WHEREAS, With a colorful history, an abundance of natural
24 resources, and a small-town feel, Pearland is a desirable community

1 in which to live, work, and raise a family, and its residents may
2 indeed take justifiable pride in the place they call home; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2013, as Pearland Day at
6 the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
7 delegation that is present at the Capitol today.