

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents and community leaders from Balch Springs  
2 are gathering at the State Capitol on March 12, 2013, to take part  
3 in Balch Springs Day, and this occasion provides a welcome  
4 opportunity to honor the history and achievements of this notable  
5 North Texas community; and

6           WHEREAS, The city traces its history to the 1870s, when John  
7 Balch, who had fought for the independence of Texas at the Battle of  
8 San Jacinto and other engagements, settled in the area with his  
9 family; his land contained a permanent spring that became a  
10 gathering place for nearby residents, and the settlement that took  
11 shape over the following decades was named for him and this vital  
12 water source; and

13           WHEREAS, Balch Springs was incorporated in 1953, when  
14 approximately 3,000 people lived there; the population rose in the  
15 decades that followed, with an increasing number of manufacturing  
16 companies and other businesses opening their doors; and

17           WHEREAS, Today, this bustling city is home to more than  
18 24,000 people and serves as a southeastern gateway to the  
19 Metroplex; it offers convenient access to the surrounding area as  
20 well as to major interstate and international transportation  
21 routes, and its location, combined with its forward-looking civic  
22 leadership and productive workforce, has attracted numerous  
23 companies, including a number of firms in the telecommunications  
24 industry; and

1           WHEREAS, Quality of life is another factor in the city's  
2 growth, and numerous residents have been drawn by its thriving  
3 community atmosphere, highly regarded schools, and myriad options  
4 for housing, entertainment, and recreation; and

5           WHEREAS, Balch Springs offers an inviting mixture of  
6 small-town charm and big-city convenience, and its many  
7 contributions to the Lone Star State deserve to be honored and  
8 celebrated; now, therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize March 12, 2013, as Balch Springs Day  
11 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
12 best wishes for a productive and enjoyable time in Austin.

Rose  
Burkett

Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 806 was adopted by the House on March 12, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House