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H.R. No. 806

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.