

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of the Belew Cemetery Association and  
2 citizens of Aubrey are gathering on May 5, 2013, for the dedication  
3 of a Historic Texas Cemetery Marker at Belew Cemetery; and

4           WHEREAS, In the mid-1850s, Richard Aaron Belew, Mary Jane  
5 Belew, and their five children traveled with 39 other families from  
6 Tennessee to settle on land north of present-day Aubrey in Denton  
7 County; after a log cabin school was opened at the site, the  
8 community came to be known as the Belew Schoolhouse Settlement; and

9           WHEREAS, Members of the settlement purchased land from Mr.  
10 Belew in 1880 in order to establish a public graveyard, and by the  
11 early years of the 20th century, the Belew Cemetery was the  
12 principal burial ground for the area; the cemetery's earliest  
13 graves were marked with red sandstone; and

14           WHEREAS, The Ladies Cemetery Society was founded in 1902, and  
15 for the next 85 years, the society held an annual Thanksgiving  
16 dinner to raise money for the upkeep and expansion of the cemetery;  
17 now known as the Belew Cemetery Association, the group continues to  
18 oversee the maintenance of the cemetery, where early settlers are  
19 buried alongside veterans who served in conflicts ranging from the  
20 Civil War to the Gulf War; and

21           WHEREAS, Those who have found their final rest in these  
22 peaceful grounds have contributed in myriad ways to shaping the  
23 history of this North Texas community, and this historical marker  
24 represents a fitting tribute both to their memory and to all those

1 who have worked to preserve and care for this important cultural  
2 site; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
4 Legislature hereby commemorate the dedication of a Historic Texas  
5 Cemetery Marker at Belew Cemetery and extend to all who have helped  
6 to secure this recognition sincere best wishes for a meaningful and  
7 memorable event; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for the Belew Cemetery Association as an expression of  
10 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1504

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1504 was adopted by the House on April 24, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House