

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Canton gathered on May 11, 2013, to
2 celebrate the dedication of an official Texas Historical Marker
3 honoring the life of one of the city's earliest settlers, G. W.
4 Tull, Sr.; and

5 WHEREAS, A pioneer in spirit as well as in deed, Mr. Tull
6 moved to Canton from Tennessee in 1858, after seeking his fortune in
7 the California gold fields; together with William B. Moore, he
8 established a successful mercantile business on the southwest
9 corner of the Canton Courthouse square; Mr. Tull bought out his
10 partner in 1860 and then operated the store by himself until his
11 death in 1917; his son, G. W. Tull, Jr., took over the business at
12 his father's passing and managed it until his own death in 1957; and

13 WHEREAS, Though he never held political office, G. W. Tull,
14 Sr., played a critical role in setting Canton on a path toward
15 prosperity; his business served as an anchor for the local business
16 community during the town's formative years, and in 1877 he helped
17 finance Canton's campaign to remain the county seat in a dispute
18 with Wills Point; later, he was responsible for the first brick
19 construction in the town when he hired H. A. Evans to erect a brick
20 building to house his store; largely through Mr. Tull's influence,
21 the town evolved from a dirt-road hamlet into a modern community
22 with other brick commercial establishments and brick-paved
23 streets; and

24 WHEREAS, Hosted by the Canton Main Street Program, the

1 dedication ceremony honoring Mr. Tull was followed by a program in
2 Hillcrest Cemetery arranged by the Hillcrest Cemetery Restoration
3 Committee; the event featured a costumed performance by Stanley
4 Tull, who took on the character of his illustrious ancestor; and

5 WHEREAS, A forward-looking businessman and civic leader,
6 G. W. Tull, Sr., made an immeasurable contribution to securing the
7 future of his community, and his notable place in Canton's history
8 is indeed deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby commemorate the dedication of an official Texas
11 Historical Marker honoring G. W. Tull, Sr., and commend all those
12 involved in bringing this worthy project to fruition.

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H.R. No. 2529

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2529 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House