

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the citizens of Kennedale who are visiting Austin to celebrate Kennedale Day at the State Capitol on February 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Kennedale is set among the rolling grasslands of southeast Tarrant County; the site was originally inhabited by Indian tribes who hunted and fished along Village Creek; the Republic of Texas signed a treaty with the tribes in 1843, and settlers began moving into the area over the following decades; and

WHEREAS, In 1882, John D. Hudson, C. B. Teague, and Oliver S. Kennedy bought land around a mineral well; a post office was opened on the land in 1884, and in 1886, a town was laid out and named Kennedale, after Mr. Kennedy; that same year, the Fort Worth and New Orleans Railway built a line through the town to Waxahachie, along with a passenger depot and several section houses as residences for its employees; during that era, the town became known for its brickworks, and Kennedale brick was used in several buildings in Fort Worth; and

WHEREAS, Today, Kennedale is an attractive and comfortable community with easy access to the amenities of Fort Worth and Arlington; residents and visitors alike enjoy the opportunities for recreation available at Rodgers Farm Park and Sonora Park, and a replica of one of the original railway section houses stands at TownCenter Park to provide a colorful reminder of the city's history; and

WHEREAS, The city continues to thrive under the leadership of Mayor John Clark, Mayor Pro-Tem Brian Johnson, and city council members Liz Carrington, Frank Fernandez, Charles Overstreet, and Kelly Turner; also contributing to the community's growth and prosperity are the board members of the Kennedale Chamber of Commerce, including Chair Pat Doescher, Mark Biondi, Monica Collier, Mike Frazier, Carl Hall, Bob Hart, Fred Moore, James Mulroy, Naseem Patel, Donna Sellers, Deborah Su, and Joe Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Preserving the city's small-town charm while working to build a bright future, the residents of Kennedale may indeed take great pride in their community's heritage and promise; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby recognize February 12, 2013, as Kennedale Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those visiting from Kennedale sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable day; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared to commemorate this special day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 28, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate