

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 196

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Rowlett and Texans across the state in celebrating February 12, 2013, as Rowlett Day at the State Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, Rowlett is located on the shore of Lake Ray Hubbard in Dallas and Rockwall Counties and is named for Daniel Rowlett, who led a group of families from Tennessee to the North Texas area in 1835; under the direction of two immigration companies, the W. S. Peters Colony and the Charles Mercer Colony, settlers arrived in the present-day Rowlett area in the 1840s; and

**WHEREAS**, The first post office opened in 1880, and the westward expansion of the railroads brought many more people to the area; by the turn of the century, Rowlett was a prosperous farming community with numerous stores and services, and citizens voted in 1952 to incorporate; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, Rowlett is a thriving city of more than 55,000 residents; with more than 30 miles of shoreline, it is one of the most scenic places to live in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex; its small-town atmosphere, its abundance of recreational opportunities, and its proximity to the amenities of city life make it an exceptional place in which to live, work, and raise a family; and

**WHEREAS**, The people of Rowlett have made many outstanding contributions to the growth and prosperity of our state, and it is truly fitting that the city be recognized; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby welcome the delegation from Rowlett to Austin and extend to them best wishes for a memorable Rowlett Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the city as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 12, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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