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H.R. No. 319

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Kennedale are gathering to
2 celebrate Kennedale Day at the State Capitol on February 10, 2015;
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4 WHEREAS, Set among the rolling grasslands of southeast
5 Tarrant County, the site of Kennedale was originally inhabited by
6 Native American tribes who hunted and fished along Village Creek;
7 the Republic of Texas signed a treaty with the tribes in 1843, and
8 settlers began moving into the area over the following decades; and

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

18 WHEREAS, A town that has grown into a city since the regional
19 defense industry buildup of the 1940s, Kennedale today is an
20 attractive and comfortable community of approximately 7,000
21 residents with easy access to the amenities of Fort Worth and
22 Arlington; residents and visitors alike enjoy the opportunities for
23 recreation available at Rodgers Farm Park and Sonora Park, and a
24 replica of one of the original railway section houses stands at

1 TownCenter Park to provide a colorful reminder of the city's
2 history and a backdrop for the annual Brickworks Art in the Park
3 festival; and

4 WHEREAS, The city continues to thrive under the leadership of
5 Mayor Brian Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Johnson, and city council
6 members Liz Carrington, Frank Fernandez, Charles Overstreet, and
7 Mike Walker; also contributing to the community's growth and
8 prosperity are the members of the board of the Kennedale Chamber of
9 Commerce, including Chair Monica Collier, Chair-Elect Tom Hala,
10 Mark Biondi, Carl Hall, Bob Hart, Mike Johnson, Monty Johnson, Fred
11 Moore, Becky Mowell, James Mulroy, Joe Taylor, Jack Thompson, and
12 Vickie Wallace; and

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

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize February 10, 2015, as Kennedale Day at
19 the State Capitol and extend to all those visiting from Kennedale
20 sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable day.