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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Rowlett are gathering in Austin
2 on February 12, 2015, to celebrate Rowlett Day at the State Capitol;
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4 WHEREAS, The area around present-day Rowlett was first
5 settled in the 1840s by two immigration companies, the W. S. Peters
6 Colony and the Charles Mercer Colony; a post office was set up in
7 1880 and named Morris, after its first postmaster, but the name was
8 later changed to Rowlett, after Rowlett Creek, a tributary of the
9 east fork of the Trinity River; and

10 WHEREAS, The arrival of the Dallas and Greenville Railway in
11 1889 helped the town become a prosperous cotton farming community
12 with a school, churches, and businesses, and in 1921, it was
13 included on the route of the Bankhead Highway, the nation's second
14 cross-country paved highway; the city was incorporated in 1952 by a
15 vote of 84 citizens; and

16 WHEREAS, Now with easy access to Dallas by way of the
17 President George Bush Turnpike and the Dallas Area Rapid Transit
18 light rail system, Rowlett has grown into a thriving community of
19 58,000 residents who enjoy 30 miles of beautiful Lake Ray Hubbard
20 shoreline; and

21 WHEREAS, The town has been named as a Tree City USA, and its
22 economic development efforts have won recognition from the Texas
23 Economic Development Council and the *Dallas Business Journal*;
24 popular annual events include an Easter egg hunt, fireworks on the

1 Fourth of July, the Movies on Main series, and a holiday parade and
2 tree lighting ceremony every Christmas; and

3 WHEREAS, Benefiting from all the amenities of the Dallas-Fort
4 Worth metroplex while preserving a small-town ambiance, the
5 citizens of Rowlett may take justifiable pride in their efforts to
6 make their home such an attractive and comfortable community in
7 which to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2015, as Rowlett Day at
10 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
11 best wishes for the future.