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H.R. No. 402

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Kaufman County are gathering in
2 Austin on March 2, 2015, to celebrate Kaufman County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated in the fertile blackland prairie of
5 Northeast Texas, Kaufman County was home to Cherokee and Caddo
6 Indians when settlers arrived in 1840; led by William P. King, a
7 group of 40 pioneers from Mississippi established a stockade,
8 King's Fort, and a community that became known as Kingsboro; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1848, Kaufman County was carved out of Henderson
10 County and named in honor of David Spangler Kaufman, a member of the
11 Texas Legislature and the United States Congress; three years
12 later, the settlement of Kingsboro became the county seat and took
13 the new name of Kaufman; and

14 WHEREAS, For many years, the steadily growing population of
15 this rural county enjoyed a strong economy based predominantly
16 around its cotton industry; by 1960, however, the county had taken
17 on a more urban character, with more than half of its population
18 residing in towns; while still a hub for agricultural exports,
19 Kaufman County is now home to an array of manufacturing enterprises
20 and a significant government sector, and residents enjoy both
21 neighborly communities and easy access to nearby Dallas, one of the
22 nation's major cities; and

23 WHEREAS, Among the area's many notable sites is the Kaufman
24 County Poor Farm, which was established in 1883 to provide housing

1 to indigent residents and which made the 2012 Preservation Texas
2 list of the state's 10 most endangered historic places; other
3 landmarks include the Porter Farm near Terrell, the Spellman Museum
4 of Forney History, the Kaufman County Veterans Memorial Park and
5 Vietnam Memorial Wall, the Terrell Heritage Museum, and the No. 1
6 British Flying Training School Museum in Terrell; and

7 WHEREAS, Treasuring their rich heritage as they look forward
8 to a bright and promising future, the citizens of Kaufman County are
9 indeed deserving of recognition for the outstanding contributions
10 that they and their forebears have made to the Lone Star State; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 2, 2015, as Kaufman County Day
14 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
15 best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable visit.