

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many civic leaders, public officials, and engaged
2 citizens of the city of Graham are gathering in Austin on February
3 10, 2015, to celebrate Graham Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated in the rolling hills of North Texas, the
5 Graham area was originally part of Fort Belknap, the northern
6 anchor of a series of U.S. Army forts built to protect the Texas
7 frontier; the fort was decommissioned in 1859, and the town of
8 Graham was officially established in 1872, taking its name from the
9 two industrious brothers who first settled it, Gustavous and Edwin
10 Graham; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, Graham is the county seat of Young County,
12 and its nearly 9,000 citizens enjoy the best of small-town living
13 with city conveniences; the rugged terrain of the region, with its
14 dense woods, cultivated fields, and creeks, provides the backdrop
15 for one of the best game hunting areas in Texas, while the city's
16 perfectly groomed golf courses are also considered among the finest
17 in the state; and

18 WHEREAS, Visitors and residents alike can enjoy a wealth of
19 activities throughout the region, including fishing at the
20 connected lakes, Lake Graham and Lake Eddleman; in 2015, the city's
21 historic town square, one of the largest in America, will host its
22 first annual Food Truck Championship of Texas; and

23 WHEREAS, The city also boasts a vibrant oil and gas industry,
24 which dates back to the founding Graham brothers, who drilled one of

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1 the first gas wells in Texas after having stumbled upon it while
2 looking for salt water; to invest in the future of the industry and
3 the area's workforce, North Central Texas College offers a
4 groundbreaking curriculum in specialized petroleum technology; and

5 WHEREAS, Graham's city council is similarly invested in
6 forward-thinking policies to ensure the area's success, including
7 investing in major water treatment and distribution projects and
8 hospital technology; the arts are also a priority, and the
9 now-completed renovation of the historic Graham Memorial
10 Auditorium, which was built in 1929 to honor veterans of World War
11 I, is designed to reclaim the original art deco elegance of the
12 facility while updating it to modern standards; and

13 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to their community and to the history
14 that has shaped them, residents of Graham may reflect with pride on
15 the many contributions they have made toward building a vibrant
16 future for their families and neighbors; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize February 10, 2015, as Graham Day at
19 the State Capitol.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 441 was adopted by the House on
February 10, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House