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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Distinguished citizens of Palmhurst are visiting  
2 the State Capitol in Austin, creating a welcome opportunity to  
3 honor the city for the important role it has played in the Rio  
4 Grande Valley and in the story of the Lone Star State; and

5           WHEREAS, Development in the region began in 1912, when John  
6 H. Shary invested in property and irrigation to expand early  
7 experimental citrus groves into a commercial venture; remembered as  
8 the "Father of the Texas Citrus Industry," he built what is now  
9 known as the Shary Shivers Estate, a historic home where President  
10 Dwight D. Eisenhower visited and the 37th governor of Texas, Allan  
11 Shivers, married Marialice Shary; and

12           WHEREAS, Palmhurst was officially incorporated on January  
13 25, 1964; governed by a mayor and five city council members, the  
14 business-friendly town is home to a host of retail shops, and the  
15 region's climate is favorable to tourism as well as agriculture;  
16 visitors can observe numerous beautiful species of local and  
17 migratory birds in the area, which is a World Birding Center site,  
18 and they are drawn to such attractions as the Hidalgo Pumphouse,  
19 which houses machinery that was used for development a century ago;  
20 its economic development strategy has been so successful that the  
21 city does not impose a residential property tax; and

22           WHEREAS, Preserving a small-town charm while working to build  
23 a bright future, the residents of Palmhurst may indeed take great  
24 pride in their community; now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby recognize city of Palmhurst Day at the State  
3 Capitol and extend to all visitors from the area sincere best wishes  
4 for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.