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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Community leaders from Balch Springs are gathering
2 at the State Capitol on March 12, 2015, to take part in Balch
3 Springs Day; and

4 WHEREAS, The town traces its history to the 1870s, when John
5 Balch, who had fought for the independence of Texas at the Battle of
6 San Jacinto and other engagements, settled in the area with his
7 family; his land contained a permanent spring that became a
8 gathering place for nearby residents, and the settlement that took
9 shape over the following decades was named for him and this
10 important water source; and

11 WHEREAS, Located in Dallas County, Balch Springs is a
12 home-rule city that was incorporated in 1953, when approximately
13 3,000 people lived there; the population rose in the decades that
14 followed, with an increasing number of manufacturing companies and
15 other businesses opening their doors; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, this bustling city is home to more than
17 25,000 people and serves as a southeastern gateway to the
18 Metroplex; it offers convenient access to the surrounding area as
19 well as to major interstate and international transportation
20 routes, and its location, combined with its forward-looking civic
21 leadership and productive workforce, has attracted numerous
22 companies, including a number of firms in the telecommunications
23 industry; and

24 WHEREAS, Quality of life is another factor in the city's

1 growth, and numerous residents have been drawn by its thriving
2 community atmosphere, highly regarded schools, and myriad options
3 for housing, entertainment, culture, and recreation, which include
4 a library, the Double D Dude Ranch, and the Chiesl Baseball Complex;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Balch Springs offers an inviting mixture of
7 small-town charm and big-city convenience, and its many
8 contributions to the Lone Star State deserve to be celebrated; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize March 12, 2015, as Balch Springs Day
12 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
13 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable time in Austin.