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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Palestine and Anderson County are
2 gathering in Austin on February 26, 2015, to celebrate City of
3 Palestine and Anderson County Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated between the Trinity and Neches Rivers,
5 Anderson County covers nearly 1,100 square miles of rich pastures
6 and woodlands and is home to a diverse economy that includes
7 business and service industries, as well as oil and gas production;
8 the county was formed by the First Legislature of Texas in 1846 and
9 named after Kenneth Lewis Anderson, the last vice president of the
10 Republic of Texas; and

11 WHEREAS, The area attracts hunters, campers, bird-watchers,
12 and other outdoor enthusiasts with the abundant scenic delights of
13 the Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area; and

14 WHEREAS, Palestine, the centrally located county seat,
15 serves as a major transportation hub to connect the region to the
16 rest of the state and beyond; when the International-Great Northern
17 Railroad arrived there in 1872, the largely agrarian community
18 expanded, and a second business district grew up along the rail
19 line; the discovery of oil at nearby Boggy Creek in 1928 prompted
20 further growth; and

21 WHEREAS, A designated Texas Main Street City, Palestine is
22 home to more than 1,800 historic sites, including such structures
23 as the Anderson County Courthouse, the Carnegie Library, the Museum
24 for East Texas Culture, and the Howard House Museum; Davey Dogwood

1 Park hosts the annual Dogwood Trails Celebration in March, and
2 tourists also may enjoy the NASA Columbia Scientific Balloon
3 Facility and the 1881 Texas State Railroad, which runs steam train
4 excursions from Palestine through the Piney Woods of East Texas;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Preserving their vibrant past as they work together
7 to build a bright future, the citizens of Palestine and Anderson
8 County may take justifiable pride in the important role their
9 unique region continues to play in the story of the Lone Star State;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2015, as City of
13 Palestine and Anderson County Day at the State Capitol and extend to
14 the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and
15 enjoyable stay in Austin.