

By: White of Bell

H.R. No. 1139

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Belton are gathering in Austin on
2 March 12, 2015, to celebrate City of Belton Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, When Bell County was founded in 1850, the centrally
5 located county seat was originally named Nolanville, but when the
6 Fourth Legislature of Texas incorporated the town in 1851, the name
7 was changed to Belton; the courthouse square developed into a
8 regional trading center, especially for the processing and shipping
9 of local cotton crops, and the late 1800s brought a number of cattle
10 drives through the area to the nearby Chisholm Trail; and

11 WHEREAS, Belton is home to the University of Mary
12 Hardin-Baylor, an outstanding institution of higher education
13 chartered by the Republic of Texas in 1845, and the town's 19,000
14 residents benefit from the cultural and educational opportunities
15 that it provides, as well as from more than 160 acres of parkland,
16 highlighted by the Nolan Creek Hike and Bike Trail; and

17 WHEREAS, Tourists are attracted to Belton's elegant historic
18 buildings and numerous parks and outdoor recreational activities;
19 the downtown courthouse, built in 1885, is an architectural beauty,
20 and Belton Lake and the meandering Nolan Creek offer hikers and
21 cyclists ample room for exploration; the city's annual Independence
22 Day Celebration, which began in 1852, has grown into a weeklong
23 event that includes a parade, carnival, arts and crafts festival,
24 cattle drive, and professional rodeo; and

1 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich and colorful history as they
2 work together to build a bright future, the citizens of Belton may
3 take justifiable pride in the small-town charm of their hometown;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize March 12, 2015, as City of Belton Day
7 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
8 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.