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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Rockwall are visiting the State Capitol
2 on April 16, 2015, and this occasion presents a welcome opportunity
3 to recognize the city of Rockwall and commend these community
4 leaders for their civic engagement; and

5 WHEREAS, Established in 1854, Rockwall was named for the
6 large stone wall discovered by explorer T. U. Wade while he was
7 digging a well; after the town was incorporated in 1874, the
8 population began to grow, and the arrival of the Missouri, Kansas,
9 and Texas railway line created early opportunities for economic
10 development; and

11 WHEREAS, Aluminum production in the area prompted Rockwall to
12 adopt the slogan "The Aluminum Capital of the Industrial Southwest"
13 in the 1950s, and construction of Lake Ray Hubbard in 1969 led to
14 growth in the recreational and tourism industry; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, Rockwall is home to more than 40,000 Texans
16 who enjoy their community's rich heritage and family-friendly
17 environment; amid plentiful urban amenities, the city retains its
18 small-town charm, highlighted by its historic downtown business
19 district; residents and visitors alike are drawn to The Harbor, a
20 commercial, entertainment, and recreational area situated on the
21 picturesque shores of Lake Ray Hubbard, and the city has numerous
22 park facilities offering a variety of activities and special
23 events; and

24 WHEREAS, Preserving their vibrant past as they work together

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1 to build a bright future, the citizens of Rockwall may take
2 justifiable pride in their unique city and in the role it continues
3 to play in the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize the city of Rockwall and welcome the
6 visiting delegation of Rockwall residents to the State Capitol.