

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 245

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize February 25 and 26, 2015, as Palestine Day at the State Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, The seat of Anderson County, Palestine was founded in March of 1846, a few months after Texas was admitted to the United States in December of 1845; and

**WHEREAS**, Palestine was largely an agrarian community until 1872, when the International and Great Northern Railroad was founded and established its headquarters in the city; Palestine then grew rapidly throughout the 19th century and early 20th century; and

**WHEREAS**, A mecca of historic resources, Palestine has over 1,800 historic houses and buildings, most of which are located in the four National Register Historic Districts and three local Palestine Historic Districts; and

**WHEREAS**, Noted for its exceptional success in preserving its historical integrity, Palestine is a Texas Main Street City, a National Main Street City, and a Preserve America City; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Historical Commission, the City of Palestine, the Palestine Economic Development Corporation, and the citizens, businesses, and civic organizations of Palestine deserve recognition for preserving the city's rich past and for retaining the charm the city offers residents and visitors today; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby express appreciation to the citizens of Palestine for their contributions to our state and extend best wishes for the future to all who are celebrating Palestine Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the City of Palestine.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 23, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate