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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of the city of Alton are visiting
2 Austin on February 1, 2017, in celebration of City of Alton Day at
3 the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Once a stop on the San Benito and Rio Grande Valley
5 Railway, also known as "the Spiderweb Railroad," Alton was founded
6 in 1911 by citizens from Alton, Illinois, and officials of the Alton
7 Illinois Railroad; the town was known for its quarries, which
8 produced caliche for use in countless construction projects in
9 parts north; and

10 WHEREAS, The people of Alton voted to incorporate under a
11 general rule charter in 1978; 28 years later, the city adopted a
12 home rule charter; and

13 WHEREAS, The community selected as its motto "City on the
14 Grow," and it has indeed prospered in recent years; in 2000, it was
15 home to about 4,100 Texans, and in 2016, U.S. Census estimates
16 placed the population at some 15,500; more than 80 percent of
17 householders are homeowners, well above the national average;
18 recent years have seen the opening of numerous new businesses, and
19 the city completed construction of the fire station as well as a
20 number of major infrastructure projects; and

21 WHEREAS, Alton may take great pride in its heritage of hard
22 work as it builds toward a bright and promising future; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize February 1, 2017, as City of Alton Day
2 at the State Capitol and extend to the members of the visiting
3 delegation sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and informative
4 event.