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H.R. No. 333

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Pearland are gathering in Austin  
2 on February 22, 2017, to celebrate Pearland Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in Brazoria County, Pearland was originally  
5 established as Mark Belt in 1893, but in November of that year, its  
6 name was changed to reflect the large number of pear trees in the  
7 area; by 1898, the town had a newspaper, 12 businesses, and 75  
8 residents; however, its growth slowed considerably, and many of its  
9 fruit trees were destroyed when it was hit by the Galveston  
10 hurricane in 1900; the planting of oranges and figs helped revive  
11 local agriculture, until the freeze of 1918 caused another wave of  
12 damage; Pearland bounced back a second time, though, and in 1934,  
13 oil and gas were discovered in the area, prompting significant  
14 growth in the decades that followed; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, while enjoying the benefits of its proximity  
16 to Houston and such sites as the Johnson Space Center and Galveston  
17 Beach, Pearland maintains its own unique character; in 1999, it was  
18 named an All-America City by the National Civic League, and its  
19 notable attractions include the more than 100-year-old Gulf,  
20 Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad Depot and Pearland Town Center, a  
21 mixed-use development of retail outlets, hotel accommodations, and  
22 residential units; and

23 WHEREAS, Home to an engaged citizenry and a vibrant business  
24 community, Pearland has established itself as a city of growth and

1 opportunity while retaining its small-town charm, and its residents  
2 may indeed take justifiable pride in the place they call home; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby recognize February 22, 2017, as Pearland Day at  
6 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
7 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.