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H.R. No. 342

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud residents of Rowlett are gathering in Austin  
2 on February 16, 2017, to celebrate Rowlett Day at the State Capitol;  
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4           WHEREAS, The area around present-day Rowlett was first  
5 settled in the 1840s by two immigration companies, the W. S. Peters  
6 Colony and the Charles Mercer Colony; a post office was set up in  
7 1880 and named Morris, after its first postmaster, but the name was  
8 later changed to Rowlett, after Rowlett Creek, a tributary of the  
9 east fork of the Trinity River; and

10           WHEREAS, The arrival of the Dallas and Greenville Railway in  
11 1889 helped the town become a prosperous cotton farming community  
12 with a school, churches, and businesses, and in 1921, it was  
13 included on the route of the Bankhead Highway, the nation's second  
14 cross-country paved highway; the city was incorporated in 1952 by a  
15 vote of 84 citizens; and

16           WHEREAS, Now with easy access to Dallas by way of the  
17 President George Bush Turnpike and the Dallas Area Rapid Transit  
18 light rail system, Rowlett has grown into a thriving community of  
19 more than 60,000 residents who enjoy 30 miles of beautiful Lake Ray  
20 Hubbard shoreline; and

21           WHEREAS, The town has been named as a Tree City USA, and it  
22 has won recognition from the Texas Economic Development Council and  
23 the *Dallas Business Journal* for its economic development  
24 achievements; popular annual events include an Easter egg hunt,

1 fireworks on the Fourth of July, the Movies on Main series, and a  
2 holiday parade and tree lighting ceremony every Christmas; and

3       WHEREAS, Honoring their heritage as they embrace the  
4 opportunities of the future, the citizens of Rowlett may take  
5 justifiable pride in their efforts to cultivate such an attractive  
6 and comfortable community in which to live, work, and raise a  
7 family; now, therefore, be it

8       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby recognize February 16, 2017, as Rowlett Day at  
10 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
11 best wishes for an enjoyable stay in Austin.