

By: King of Parker

H.R. No. 391

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Weatherford are gathering in
2 Austin on February 27, 2017, to celebrate Weatherford Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated on the crest between the Trinity and Brazos
5 Valleys, this frontier settlement was named for Jefferson
6 Weatherford, a Texas senator who coauthored the bill to establish
7 Parker County; Weatherford was incorporated in 1858, and as the
8 county seat, it experienced significant growth in the last two
9 decades of the 19th century, spurred by the construction of three
10 railroads, which made it a prime retail and shipping point for area
11 ranchers and farmers; and

12 WHEREAS, Today a city of approximately 30,000, Weatherford
13 enjoys its proximity to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex while
14 retaining its small-town, family-oriented charm; the population
15 benefits from access to outstanding medical care at Weatherford
16 Regional Medical Center and educational opportunities provided by
17 Weatherford College, which was established in 1869 and is the
18 oldest community college in the Southwest; and

19 WHEREAS, Weatherford offers numerous attractions for
20 residents and visitors alike, including Clark Gardens Botanical
21 Park, the Doss Heritage & Culture Center, and the Museum of the
22 Americas, and outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the Town Creek Hike and
23 Bike Trail and water sports on Lake Weatherford; moreover, the
24 downtown historic district is host to numerous unique stores, and

1 it is the site of the old-time Farmers Market, as well as First
2 Monday Trade Days, one of the oldest open-air markets in Texas, with
3 a history spanning more than 155 years; and

4 WHEREAS, The people of Weatherford further celebrate their
5 rich heritage with the annual Parker County Peach Festival, the
6 city's largest one-day event; named the Peach Capital of Texas,
7 Weatherford draws more than 35,000 attendees to take part in the
8 festival; additionally, because of its proximity to the
9 headquarters of the National Cutting Horse Association and its
10 major events, the city has gained recognition as the Cutting Horse
11 Capital of the World; and

12 WHEREAS, Honoring their vibrant past as they embrace the
13 opportunities of the future, the citizens of Weatherford are
14 justifiably proud of their community, and it is indeed fitting to
15 honor them and their contributions to the story of the Lone Star
16 State; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2017, as Weatherford Day
19 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
20 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.