

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family of the late Bob Belt have been chosen to
2 serve as parade marshals for the 2017 Tyler County Dogwood
3 Festival, in recognition of Mr. Belt's extensive service in behalf
4 of the county's signature celebration; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Belt's involvement in the festival began while
6 he was a student at Chester High School, when he was selected to
7 escort the Chester Princess at the 1949 festivities; after some
8 years away from Tyler County, during which time he attended
9 college, served in the military, and began his career in the
10 financial industry, he returned in 1964 and soon began working with
11 the festival in earnest; he played a key role in expanding the
12 festival to include Western Weekend and in 1967 served as the first
13 director of that event; he also joined his family as a participant
14 in the 1966 presentation of the festival's historical play; in
15 addition, Mr. Belt gave generously of his time and talents to the
16 Boy Scouts of America, the Rotary Club, and the Tyler County Chamber
17 of Commerce; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Belt's career drew him away from Tyler County in
19 1974, but following his return in 1988, he again established
20 himself as a pillar of the community; in 1991, the directors of the
21 Tyler County Dogwood Festival conferred on him the James E. Wheat
22 Award, in honor of his outstanding support of the festival over the
23 years; he remained active in the festival until his death in 1996,
24 and his family members have continued to be involved in this

1 much-beloved East Texas tradition; and

2 WHEREAS, Bob Belt is fondly remembered for his dedication to
3 the Dogwood Festival and to the betterment of Tyler County, and the
4 designation of his family members as parade marshals is indeed a
5 fitting tribute to this admired civic leader; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate the members of the Bob Belt family
8 on their selection as parade marshals for the 74th Tyler County
9 Dogwood Festival and extend to them sincere best wishes for the
10 future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the family as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1126

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1126 was adopted by the House on April 6, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House