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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.