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H.R. No. 1170

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Community leaders from Balch Springs are gathering
2 in Austin on March 30, 2017, to celebrate Balch Springs Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in Dallas County, the town traces its
5 history to the 1870s, when John Balch, who had fought for the
6 independence of Texas at the Battle of San Jacinto and other
7 engagements, settled in the area with his family; his land
8 contained a permanent spring that became a gathering place for
9 nearby residents, and the settlement that took shape over the
10 following decades was named for him and this important water
11 source; and

12 WHEREAS, Balch Springs is a home-rule city that was
13 incorporated in 1953, when approximately 3,000 people lived there;
14 the population rose in the decades that followed, with an
15 increasing number of manufacturing companies and other businesses
16 opening their doors; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, this bustling city is home to more than
18 25,000 people and serves as a southeastern gateway to the
19 Metroplex; it offers convenient access to the surrounding area as
20 well as to major interstate and international transportation
21 routes, and its location, combined with its forward-looking civic
22 leadership and productive workforce, has attracted numerous
23 companies, including a number of firms in the telecommunications
24 industry; and

1 WHEREAS, Quality of life is another factor in the city's
2 growth, and numerous residents have been drawn by its thriving
3 community atmosphere, highly regarded schools, and myriad options
4 for housing, entertainment, culture, and recreation, which include
5 a library and learning center, the Double D Ranch, the Baseball
6 Nation Ballpark South, and the Premier Park soccer fields; and

7 WHEREAS, Balch Springs offers an inviting mixture of
8 small-town charm and big-city amenities, and its citizens may
9 indeed take great pride in their community's ongoing achievements;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize March 30, 2017, as Balch Springs Day
13 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
14 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.