

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud residents of Kennedale are gathering in Austin  
2 to celebrate Kennedale Day at the State Capitol on March 30, 2017;  
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4           WHEREAS, Set among the rolling grasslands of southeast  
5 Tarrant County, the site of Kennedale was originally inhabited by  
6 Native American tribes who hunted and fished along Village Creek;  
7 the Republic of Texas signed a treaty with the tribes in 1843, and  
8 settlers began moving into the area over the following decades; and

9           WHEREAS, In 1882, John D. Hudson, C. B. Teague, and Oliver  
10 S. Kennedy bought land around a mineral well; a post office was  
11 opened on the land two years later, and in 1886, a town was laid out  
12 and named Kennedale, after Mr. Kennedy; that same year, the Fort  
13 Worth and New Orleans Railway Company built a line through the town  
14 to connect Fort Worth and Waxahachie, along with a passenger depot  
15 and several section houses as residences for its employees; during  
16 that era, the town became known for its brickworks, and Kennedale  
17 brick was used in several structures in Fort Worth; and

18           WHEREAS, A town that has grown into a city since the regional  
19 defense industry buildup of the 1940s, Kennedale today is an  
20 attractive and comfortable community of approximately 8,000 people  
21 who enjoy easy access to the amenities of Fort Worth and Arlington;  
22 residents and visitors alike appreciate the opportunities for  
23 recreation available at Rodgers Farm Park and Sonora Park, and a  
24 replica of one of the original railway section houses stands at

1 TownCenter Park to provide a colorful reminder of the city's  
2 history and a backdrop for the annual Brickworks Art in the Park  
3 festival; and

4       WHEREAS, The city continues to thrive under the leadership of  
5 Mayor Brian Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Turner, and city council  
6 members Liz Carrington, Frank Fernandez, Charles Overstreet, and  
7 Mike Walker; also contributing to the community's growth and  
8 prosperity are the members of the board of the Kennedale Chamber of  
9 Commerce, including Chair-Elect Becky Carlton, past chairs Tom Hala  
10 and Monica Collier, treasurer Fred Moore, secretary Bob Hart,  
11 members James Mulroy, Joe Taylor, Carl Hall, Monty Johnson, Mike  
12 Johnson, and Mark Biondi, and ambassador ex officio Wayne Simmons;  
13 and

14       WHEREAS, Preserving the city's small-town charm while  
15 working to build an even brighter future, the citizens of Kennedale  
16 are justifiably proud of their community, and it is indeed fitting  
17 to honor them at this time; now, therefore, be it

18       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby recognize March 30, 2017, as Kennedale Day at  
20 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
21 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.

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Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
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H.R. No. 1175

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1175 was adopted by the House on March 30, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House