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H.R. No. 1175

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.