## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 440

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Stephenville in celebrating March 21, 2017, as Stephenville Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Stephenville, the seat of Erath County, is a vibrant community in North Central Texas; the city has experienced a 30 percent growth in population since 2000 and is currently home to more than 22,500 residents; and

WHEREAS, The Stephenville community is a popular Texas hub for cowboys and cowgirls; relative to size, the city hosts one of the largest populations of these professionals, and it has become known as the "Cowboy Capital of the World"; and

WHEREAS, Although cowboy culture is a driving force of the city, Stephenville also boasts a flourishing academic community; Tarleton State University contributes greatly to the economic stability of the region, with approximately 9,600 students and 925 full-time faculty and staff members who reside in the community; and

WHEREAS, The people of Stephenville have worked hard to sustain their vibrant community over the years, and they can indeed look forward to a bright and prosperous future while embracing their rich and colorful past; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend the citizens of Stephenville for their many contributions to our state and extend to them best wishes in all their future endeavors; and, be it further

 ${\tt RESOLVED}$  , That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the city as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 21, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate