

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 458**

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Quality of life is another factor in the city's growth, and numerous residents have been drawn by its thriving

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community atmosphere, highly regarded schools, and myriad options for housing, entertainment, culture, and recreation, which include a library, the Double D Dude Ranch, and the Chiesl Baseball Complex; and

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

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate