

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 576**

**WHEREAS**, Proud residents of Kennedale gathered in Austin to celebrate Kennedale Day at the State Capitol on March 30, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Set among the rolling grasslands of southeast Tarrant County, the site of Kennedale was originally inhabited by Native American tribes who hunted and fished along Village Creek; the Republic of Texas signed a treaty with the tribes in 1843, and settlers began moving into the area over the following decades; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Today Kennedale is an attractive and comfortable community with easy access to the amenities of Fort Worth and Arlington; residents and visitors alike enjoy the opportunities for recreation available at Rodgers Farm Park and Sonora Park, and a replica of one of the original railway section houses stands at TownCenter Park to provide a colorful reminder of the city's history and a backdrop for the annual Brickworks Art in the Park festival; and

**WHEREAS,** The Kennedale TownCenter shopping area is expanding with the construction of two new retail/restaurant buildings, and the area is experiencing further development with a new hotel project and new restaurants moving into the city; and

**WHEREAS,** The people of Kennedale may also take special pride in the Kennedale High School girls soccer team, which won state championships in both 2015 and 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** The city continues to thrive under the leadership of Mayor Brian Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Turner, and city council members Liz Carrington, Frank Fernandez, Charles Overstreet, and Mike Walker; also contributing to the community's growth and prosperity are the members of the board of the Kennedale Chamber of Commerce, including Chair Becky Carlton, Tom Hala, Monica Collier, Fred Moore, James Mulroy, Joe Taylor, Carl Hall, Monty Johnson, Mike Johnson, and Mark Biondi; and

**WHEREAS,** Preserving the city's small-town charm while working to build an even brighter future, the citizens of Kennedale are justifiably proud of their community, and it is indeed fitting to honor them and their contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby recognize March 30, 2017, as Kennedale Day at the State Capitol and extend to the citizens of Kennedale sincere best wishes for the future.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 4, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate