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H.R. No. 57

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents and business leaders of Cleveland
2 are gathering in Austin on February 20, 2019, to celebrate
3 Cleveland Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated in the lush woodlands of northwest Liberty
5 County, the area around Cleveland entered the historical record in
6 1836, when the Texas General Land Office offered land grants to
7 settlers in exchange for military service; the community was
8 established in 1878 and named after Charles Lander Cleveland, who
9 deeded the land to the Houston East and West Texas Railway;
10 originally a center for the timber industry, the town was
11 incorporated in the 1930s; and

12 WHEREAS, Today, the city is home to more than 8,000
13 residents, and it remains a shipping point for lumber, sand, and
14 gravel as well as the gateway to the Big Thicket region; the city
15 itself boasts four parks, the Stancil Exposition Center and Arena,
16 and the new 20,000-square-foot Cleveland Civic Center, while nearby
17 attractions include the Lone Star Hiking Trail, the Big Creek
18 Scenic Area, the Alabama-Coushatta Reservation, the Trinity River
19 National Wildlife Refuge, and the Sam Houston National Forest; and

20 WHEREAS, This friendly and prosperous community benefits
21 from the efforts of the Greater Cleveland Chamber of Commerce,
22 whose dynamic and hardworking members are dedicated to attracting
23 new industries and businesses, promoting the community's values and
24 needs, and serving as a strong, pro-business voice on local issues;

1 each year, the chamber hosts several notable events, including the
2 Outdoor Expo Cleveland in June and the Rock-N-Ride Cleveland music
3 festival and bicycling event in November; and

4 WHEREAS, Blessed with a rich history, an abundance of natural
5 resources, and an inviting small-town atmosphere, Cleveland is a
6 wonderful community in which to live and work, and its residents may
7 indeed take justifiable pride in the place they call home; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 20, 2019, as Cleveland Day at
11 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
12 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.