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H.R. No. 173

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Pearland are gathering in Austin  
2 on February 27, 2019, to celebrate Pearland Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in Brazoria County, Pearland was originally  
5 established as Mark Belt in 1893, but the following year, its name  
6 was changed to reflect the large number of pear trees in the area;  
7 by 1898, the town had a newspaper, 12 businesses, and 75 residents;  
8 however, its growth slowed considerably, and many of its fruit  
9 trees were destroyed when it was hit by the Galveston hurricane in  
10 1900; the planting of oranges and figs helped revive local  
11 agriculture, until the freeze of 1918 caused another wave of  
12 damage; Pearland bounced back a second time, though, and in 1934,  
13 oil and gas were discovered in the area, prompting significant  
14 growth in the decades that followed; and

15 WHEREAS, While enjoying the benefits of its proximity to  
16 Houston and such sites as the Johnson Space Center, Kemah  
17 Boardwalk, and the beaches in Galveston, Pearland maintains its own  
18 unique character; in 1999, it was named an All-America City by the  
19 National Civic League, and its notable attractions include the more  
20 than 100-year-old Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad Depot,  
21 Pearland Town Center, and an emerging biotech and manufacturing  
22 area known as the Kirby District; and

23 WHEREAS, Pearland is fortunate to have a local chamber of  
24 commerce that works diligently to further the city's development

1 and keep the citizenry informed on matters that affect the region;  
2 the city also boasts a highly rated school system that is committed  
3 to helping with workforce development; moreover, the University of  
4 Houston-Clear Lake Pearland Campus is meeting area needs with the  
5 addition of a health science building, and the city benefits from an  
6 ongoing partnership between the university and Alvin Community  
7 College; and

8         WHEREAS, Over the last 125 years, Pearland has experienced  
9 explosive growth, substantial development, and a handful of  
10 tragedies along the way, but it would not be what it is today  
11 without that history; from humble beginnings to becoming one of the  
12 fastest-growing communities in the country, Pearland will continue  
13 its neighborly and warm traditions for generations to come; now,  
14 therefore, be it

15         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2019, as Pearland Day at  
17 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
18 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.