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H.R. No. 603

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Rowlett are gathering in Austin on
2 February 27, 2019, to celebrate Rowlett Day at the State Capitol;
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4 WHEREAS, The area around present-day Rowlett was first
5 settled in the 1840s by members of the Peters and Mercer Colonies; a
6 post office was set up in 1880 and named Morris, after its first
7 postmaster, but the name was later changed to Rowlett, after
8 Rowlett Creek, a tributary of the east fork of the Trinity River;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The arrival of the Dallas and Greenville Railway in
11 1889 helped the town become a prosperous cotton farming community
12 with a school, churches, and businesses, and in 1921, it was
13 included on the route of the Bankhead Highway, one of the nation's
14 first transcontinental highways; the city was incorporated in 1952
15 by a vote of 84 citizens; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, Rowlett has grown into a thriving city of
17 more than 60,000 residents who enjoy 30 miles of beautiful Lake Ray
18 Hubbard shoreline; it has been named a Tree City USA, and
19 SafeHome.org has ranked it the ninth-safest city in Texas; Rowlett
20 has also won recognition from the Texas Economic Development
21 Council and the *Dallas Business Journal* for its economic
22 development achievements; the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce was
23 established in 1924, and it continues to play a vital role in local
24 development as this small, agricultural town has grown into a

1 modern city with a vibrant downtown business district; and

2 WHEREAS, Honoring their heritage as they embrace the
3 opportunities of the future, the citizens of Rowlett may take
4 justifiable pride in the fine Texas city they call home; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2019, as Rowlett Day at
8 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
9 best wishes for an enjoyable stay in Austin.