

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 266

WHEREAS, Residents of Rowlett are gathering in Austin on February 28, 2019, to celebrate Rowlett Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The area around present-day Rowlett was first settled in the 1840s by members of the Peters and Mercer Colonies; a post office was set up in 1880 and named Morris, after its first postmaster, but the name was later changed to Rowlett, after Rowlett Creek, a tributary of the east fork of the Trinity River; and

WHEREAS, The arrival of the Dallas and Greenville Railway in 1889 helped the town become a prosperous cotton farming community with a school, churches, and businesses, and in 1921, it was included on the route of the Bankhead Highway, the nation's second cross-country paved highway; the city was incorporated in 1952 by a vote of 84 citizens; and

WHEREAS, Today, Rowlett has grown into a thriving city of more than 60,000 residents who enjoy 30 miles of beautiful Lake Ray Hubbard shoreline; it has been named a Tree City USA, and it won recognition from the Texas Economic Development Council and the *Dallas Business Journal* for its economic development achievements; popular annual events include an Easter egg hunt, fireworks on the Fourth of July, the Movies on Main series, and a holiday parade and tree lighting ceremony every Christmas; and

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby recognize February 28, 2019, as Rowlett Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an enjoyable stay in Austin.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate