

By: Bell of Kaufman

H.R. No. 153

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the  
2 87th Texas Legislature are pleased to honor the city of Chandler and  
3 to recognize all those who are participating in the Chandler  
4 legislative day on May 7, 2021; and

5           WHEREAS, Nestled between Kickapoo Creek and the Neches River,  
6 the area was originally home to the Delaware, Cherokee, and  
7 Kickapoo peoples; in 1859, Alphonso H. Chandler and Mary A. Brooks  
8 Chandler, along with their seven children, settled in the area,  
9 naming it Stillwater; Mr. Chandler opened a general store and a  
10 post office, and in 1880 the town was renamed in his honor; that  
11 same year, he gave a tract of land to the Texas and St. Louis  
12 Railway for a new, permanent depot, which brought new businesses to  
13 the area; by 1890, Chandler had a cotton gin, a mill, a school, and  
14 two churches; over the years, fruit farming became a main source of  
15 income, and canning and crate factories were established; and

16           WHEREAS, Today, Chandler is a growing community of more than  
17 3,000 people, and the strong workforce supports industry in  
18 Henderson, Van Zandt, and Smith Counties; residents and visitors  
19 alike enjoy opportunities for fishing and watersports at Winchester  
20 Park, River Park and Lake Palestine; historical places include the  
21 restored Cottonbelt Train Depot and the restored home of Senator  
22 Ralph Yarborough that now serves as the Chandler Museum and  
23 Visitors Center, both of which sit in the picturesque McCain Park;  
24 and

1           WHEREAS, With a growing economy and a promising future, the  
2 residents of Chandler may indeed take great pride in their  
3 contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore,  
4 be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby honor the city of Chandler and extend to its  
7 citizens sincere best wishes for the future.