

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 85

WHEREAS, Residents of Rowlett are gathering in Austin on January 31, 2023, 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 the town was eventually named Rowlett after Rowlett Creek, a tributary of the east fork of the Trinity River; and

WHEREAS, With the arrival of the Dallas and Greenville Railway in 1889, the town soon became a prosperous cotton farming community with a school, churches, and businesses, and it also benefited from being a stop on one of the nation's first transcontinental highways, the Bankhead 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 has been ranked as one of the safest cities in the state; Rowlett has also won recognition from the Texas Economic Development Council and the *Dallas Business Journal* for its economic development achievements; the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce was established in 1924, and it has continued to play a vital role in local development as this small, agricultural town has grown into a modern city with a vibrant downtown business district; 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 city they call home; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby recognize January 31, 2023, as Rowlett Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on January 24, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate