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H.R. No. 1525

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Barrett are celebrating the 150th
2 anniversary of their community with a Founders Day event on
3 June 14, 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, Harrison Barrett, the community's founder and
5 namesake, was born in Texas around 1845 to Simon and Eliza Barrett;
6 his parents, who came from Louisiana, had several other children,
7 but during slavery, the family members were separated; and

8 WHEREAS, Immediately after emancipation in 1865, Harrison
9 Barrett and his wife, Annie Jones Barrett, made a 30-mile trek to
10 Houston to have a justice of the peace legally formalize their
11 marriage; Mr. Barrett spent several years finding his relatives and
12 reuniting them on land east of the San Jacinto River that he planned
13 to purchase; he cut down trees on the property to build seven houses
14 and helped his family members start farms; he and his wife were
15 blessed with 12 children; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Barrett established a sawmill, gristmill, and
17 coffee mill, and he granted open access to the fish and crawfish in
18 the spring and gully near his homestead; in 1889, the White owner of
19 the land finally agreed to sell it to Mr. Barrett for 50 cents an
20 acre, and the holding was one of the largest to be acquired by a
21 freedman in Harris County; the community initially became known as
22 Barrett's Settlement, and as it grew, Mr. Barrett donated land for
23 Shiloh Baptist Church, which also served as a school; and

24 WHEREAS, In 1917, Mr. Barrett passed away; he, his wife, and

1 four other family members are interred in the Journey's End
2 Cemetery near his original homestead; twice rebuilt by descendants,
3 the house still stands today; in 1947, the community gained a high
4 school and a post office branch, known as Barrett Station; today,
5 the area is home to approximately 5,000 people; and

6 WHEREAS, Harrison Barrett inspired generations through his
7 resilience, determination, and deep commitment to his loved ones,
8 and it is truly a pleasure to join in marking this milestone in rich
9 history of the community that he founded; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of Barrett and
12 extend sincere best wishes to all those taking part in the 2025
13 Founders Day celebration; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the community as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.