

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On February 11, 2023, the City of Terrell is marking
2 the 150th anniversary of its founding; and

3 WHEREAS, The city is named for a friend of Sam Houston and
4 surveyor of the Republic of Texas, Robert A. Terrell, who settled
5 in the area in 1847; decades later, the advent of the Texas and
6 Pacific Railway promised opportunities for growth and prosperity;
7 in order to bring a depot to town, two Kaufman County entrepreneurs,
8 Charles Cornelius "C. C." Nash and John G. Moore, deeded a large
9 tract of land to the railway on February 11, 1873; the Terrell
10 family and former Kaufman County judge W. D. Irvine also donated
11 land for the project; and

12 WHEREAS, By the mid-1880s, the population numbered about
13 3,000, supporting numerous businesses, three weekly newspapers,
14 and nine churches; impressed by the advocacy of local leaders, as
15 well as favorable terms offered by a civic-minded landowner, the
16 state chose a site in the city for its second mental health
17 facility, now known as Terrell State Hospital; and

18 WHEREAS, Terrell residents recognized the importance of
19 education from the town's earliest days; the public school system
20 was in place by 1882, and a number of colleges have operated in the
21 community over the years; during World War II, more than 2,000
22 British Royal Air Force cadets learned to fly at the No. 1 British
23 Flying Training School; today, Terrell hosts both Trinity Valley
24 Community College and a venerable HBCU, Southwestern Christian

1 College; on the SwCC campus stands the home built by
2 Robert A. Terrell, one of just 20 Round Houses left in the country;
3 noted alumni of Terrell High School include the late Randy Snow, the
4 first Paralympian inducted into the Olympic Hall of Fame, and
5 actor, singer, and comedian Jamie Foxx; the Terrell Independent
6 School District's Jamie Foxx Performing Arts Center is named in
7 honor of the Oscar and Grammy Award-winning star; and

8 WHEREAS, Celebrating a rich and colorful history, the
9 citizens of Terrell may take justifiable pride in their vibrant
10 community as they mark this important milestone; now, therefore, be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
13 Legislature hereby commemorate the sesquicentennial of the City of
14 Terrell and extend to its residents sincere best wishes for the
15 future; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the City of Terrell as an expression of high regard by
18 the Texas House of Representatives.

Bell of Kaufman

H.R. No. 810

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 810 was adopted by the House on April 5, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House