Office of the Mayor

Tomball, Texas

Proclamation



WHEREAS, the Spring Creek Park Cemetery had its beginning on February 23, 1884, when Henry Scherer sold 6.6 acres of his farm homestead to the local West Chappel Methodist Episcopal Church of Spring Creek, an African-American organization; and

WHEREAS, Henry Scherer's desire was to promote public morality and religion and it was common knowledge that the land was to be used for a Church building and cemetery; and

WHEREAS, located on a high hill adjoining the northeast corner of north Harris County's Spring Creek Park, the majority of its northern and western boundaries follow the meanderings of Spring Creek; and

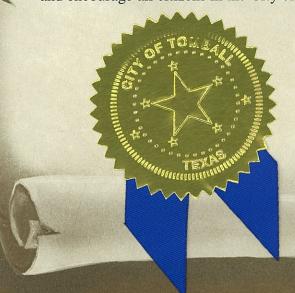
WHEREAS, although the Church was never erected, a number of burials took place over a period of approximately 85 years, and on July 6, 1969, Harris County and West Chappel Methodist Episcopal Church entered into an agreement allowing Harris County to acquire the property; and

WHEREAS, preservation of this historical site provides an opportunity to remind the community of its local cultural heritage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GRETCHEN FAGAN, Mayor of the City of Tomball, on behalf of the Tomball City Council, do hereby proclaim **Wednesday, February 26, 2014,** as:

"WEST CHAPPEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CEMETERY AND SPRING CREEK PARK CEMETERY" DAY

and encourage all citizens in the City of Tomball and the surrounding area to participate in honoring our heritage.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

DATE: 2/21/2014