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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Representatives of the City of Plano, the Plano
2 Chamber of Commerce, and the Plano Independent School District are
3 visiting Austin on February 28 and March 1, 2023, to take part in
4 Plano Legislative Days at the State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, Boasting a population of approximately 292,000,
6 this self-styled City of Excellence is celebrating 150 years as a
7 city and continues to garner accolades for its prosperity and
8 quality of life; in 2022, Plano was recognized as the ninth best
9 city to find a job by WalletHub and as a best place to live in
10 America by MSN, while maintaining its status as one of the safest
11 cities in America as recognized by SmartAsset and being recognized
12 for High-Performance Operations by Cartegraph; and

13 WHEREAS, Contributing greatly to the city's success is the
14 Plano Chamber of Commerce, which is committed to supporting
15 economic growth through advocacy, education, innovation, and
16 collaboration; promoting the city's outstanding workforce,
17 competitive business climate, world-class business parks, and
18 accessibility, the chamber represents many iconic global
19 corporations, including Toyota Motor North America, Liberty Mutual
20 Insurance, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Boeing Global Services, NTT DATA,
21 JCPenney, FedEx Office, Frito-Lay, and Capital One; its efforts
22 have earned the Plano Chamber a five-star accreditation from the
23 U.S. Chamber of Commerce, placing it among the top one percent of
24 chambers of commerce in the nation, and the distinguished honor of

1 being named 2018 Chamber of the Year by the Association of Chamber
2 of Commerce Executives; and

3 WHEREAS, The Plano Independent School District is likewise
4 benefiting the city and area residents, with nearly 7,000 members
5 of its faculty and staff working to prepare the district's nearly
6 50,000 students for the challenges and opportunities that lie
7 ahead; the teachers of Plano ISD average more than 11 years of
8 experience, and 36 percent of them hold master's degrees or above;
9 nearly 96 percent of Plano ISD students graduate in four years, and
10 their scores on college entrance exams continue to exceed those of
11 their peers nationwide; in addition, 103 Plano ISD seniors were
12 awarded semifinalist standing in the 2021 National Merit
13 Scholarship Program; the district is also home to a number of state,
14 national, and international winners in fine arts, career and
15 technical education, and science competitions; 13 district Parent
16 Teacher Associations have been recognized as National PTA Schools
17 of Excellence; moreover, Plano ISD has been able to shift gears,
18 acquire materials, train staff, and work with community partners to
19 continue meeting the diverse and complex needs of students and
20 families since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

21 WHEREAS, A true Lone Star success story, Plano is a global
22 leader where residents are bonded by a shared sense of community and
23 experience unparalleled quality of life, and the City of Plano, the
24 Plano Chamber of Commerce, and the Plano Independent School
25 District are helping to build an even brighter and more prosperous
26 future for their thriving community; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize February 28 and March 1, 2023, as
2 Plano Legislative Days at the State Capitol and extend to the
3 visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and
4 enjoyable stay in Austin.