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H.R. No. 364

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Plano are celebrating the 150th
2 anniversary of the incorporation of their city with an event on
3 June 3, 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in southwestern Collin County, Plano can
5 trace its origins to 1851, when Kentucky farmer William Forman
6 moved to Texas and purchased land from colonist Sanford Beck; that
7 same year, Mr. Forman built a general store and other enterprises
8 that formed a focal point for the small community; when a post
9 office was established in 1852, the name Plano was selected for the
10 town; in 1873, Plano was officially platted and incorporated, and
11 its first mayor and board of aldermen were elected; and

12 WHEREAS, Early in its history, Plano benefited from
13 manufacturing and ranching industries; railways were eventually
14 established in the area, and the city became a retail outlet for
15 farmers in the Blackland Prairie region; during the 1980s, Plano
16 experienced a period of tremendous growth, and major businesses
17 moved their headquarters to the city; and

18 WHEREAS, Today, Plano is home to more than 285,000 residents,
19 and the city serves as a major hub for commercial, financial, and
20 educational activities in Collin County; nicknamed the Balloon
21 Capital of Texas, the city hosts an annual hot air balloon festival;
22 Plano also boasts a number of historical sites, including the
23 Heritage Farmstead, the Interurban Railway Museum, Baccus Plaza,
24 and the original Texas-shaped pool; and

1 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work to build
2 an even brighter future, residents of Plano are justifiably proud
3 of their community, and it is indeed fitting to recognize the city's
4 contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of the city of
7 Plano and extend to its citizens sincere best wishes for the future;
8 and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the city as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives.