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H.R. No. 239

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On February 25, 2003, many proud residents of Athens
2 gather in Austin to celebrate Athens Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, Though it was first incorporated in 1856, Athens did
4 not begin its steady development until it was reincorporated in
5 1901; since that time, this charming North Texas town has seen
6 significant growth and the emergence of a dynamic citizenry; and

7 WHEREAS, The fertile terrain and temperate climate of the
8 area have made Athens an agribusiness center; in addition, the city
9 is an outdoor enthusiast's paradise, providing opportunities for
10 scuba diving, picnicking, and many other recreational adventures;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Home of Trinity Valley Community College, this
13 unique town features many exciting annual events, including the
14 Texas Fiddlers' Contest and Reunion, the Athens Triathlon, and the
15 Stampede PRCA Rodeo; several cultural and tourist attractions grace
16 the landscape of this city as well, including the East Texas
17 Arboretum, the Henderson County Historical Museum, the Murchison
18 Galleries, and the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, which
19 features 300,000 gallons of aquarium exhibits and every major
20 species of freshwater fish found in Texas; and

21 WHEREAS, While visiting the State Capitol, the Athens
22 contingent will meet with representatives of various committees and
23 state agencies to discuss issues of interest to local residents;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, This lovely city continues to be one of the Lone Star
2 State's great assets and an outstanding place in which to live,
3 work, and raise a family, and it is indeed appropriate that the
4 citizens of Athens be given special recognition at this time; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 25, 2003, as Athens Day at
8 the State Capitol and join the citizens of that city in paying
9 tribute to one of Texas' fine communities.