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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud residents of Athens are gathering at the  
2 State Capitol to celebrate Athens Day on February 23, 2005; and

3 WHEREAS, The county seat of Henderson County, the city of  
4 Athens began its steady development when it was reincorporated in  
5 1901; since then, this charming East Texas town has experienced  
6 significant growth and the emergence of a dynamic citizenry; and

7 WHEREAS, The area's fertile terrain and temperate climate  
8 have helped to make Athens a thriving agribusiness center; in  
9 addition, the city is an outdoor enthusiast's dream, providing  
10 opportunities for scuba diving, fishing, and many other  
11 recreational activities; and

12 WHEREAS, This unique town hosts a number of exciting annual  
13 events, including the Athens Fiddlers' Contest and Reunion, the  
14 Chamber of Commerce PRCA Stampede Rodeo, the Athens Triathlon, the  
15 Smith MDA Benefit Rodeo, the Uncle Fletch Davis Hamburger Cook-off,  
16 and the Chamber of Commerce Business Exposition; and

17 WHEREAS, The home of Trinity Valley Community College, Athens  
18 boasts a number of cultural centers and tourist attractions, such  
19 as the East Texas Arboretum, the Henderson County Historical  
20 Museum, the Murchison Galleries, the Henderson County Performing  
21 Arts Center, the Cain Center, the Henderson County Fairpark  
22 Complex, and the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, which features  
23 300,000 gallons of aquarium exhibits and every major species of  
24 freshwater fish found in Texas; and

1           WHEREAS, This lovely city continues to be one of the Lone Star  
2 State's great assets, and it is indeed appropriate that the  
3 citizens of Athens be given special recognition at this time; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize February 23, 2005, as Athens Day at  
7 the State Capitol and extend to all visitors from that fine city a  
8 warm welcome.