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H.R. No. 1490

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 honor the Austin Bar Association and to recognize May 6, 2005, as
3 Law Day in Austin; and

4 WHEREAS, American Bar Association president Robert Grey will
5 address people from across the country who are attending the Law Day
6 in Austin celebration; he will speak on one of the principles on
7 which this nation was founded--the right to trial by jury; and

8 WHEREAS, Law Day is a commemoration of our great heritage of
9 liberty, justice, and equality under the law for all; a central part
10 of this heritage is the right to trial by jury; and

11 WHEREAS, Guaranteed in Article III of the Constitution of the
12 United States and strengthened by the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh
13 Amendments, the right to trial by jury stands as the foundation upon
14 which the legal system is built; and

15 WHEREAS, The decisions made by jurors affect millions of
16 lives every day; few activities in civic life provide such direct
17 contact with democracy as does jury service; and

18 WHEREAS, The First Congress of the United States insisted on
19 preserving the right to a trial by jury to ensure that future
20 generations would be judged by their peers; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize May 6, 2005, as Law Day in Austin,
23 commend the Austin Bar Association for paying tribute to the
24 foundation of the legal system, and extend best wishes to all those

1 participating in Law Day activities in Austin; and, be it further
2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for the Austin Bar Association as an expression of high
4 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.