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H.R. No. 471

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On February 21, 2007, many proud residents of Athens
2 are gathering in Austin to celebrate Athens Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

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

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

13 WHEREAS, Athens boasts a strong claim to being the home of the
14 nation's favorite food, the hamburger, as proclaimed by State
15 Representative Betty Brown in H.C.R. 15; this unique town, also
16 known to many as the "Black-Eyed Pea Capital of the World," features
17 many exciting annual events, including the Athens Fiddlers' Contest
18 and Reunion, the Chamber of Commerce PRCA Stampede Rodeo, the
19 Athens Triathlon, the Smith MDA Benefit Rodeo, the Uncle Fletch
20 Davis Hamburger Cook-off, and the Chamber of Commerce Business
21 Exposition; several institutions, cultural events, and tourist
22 attractions grace the landscape of the city as well, including
23 Trinity Valley Community College, the East Texas Arboretum, the
24 Henderson County Historical Museum, the Murchison Galleries, the

1 Henderson County Performing Arts Center, the Cain Center, the
2 Henderson County Fairpark Complex, and the Texas Freshwater
3 Fisheries Center, which features 300,000 gallons of aquarium
4 exhibits and every major species of freshwater fish found in Texas;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, While visiting the State Capitol, the Athens
7 contingent will meet with representatives of various committees and
8 state agencies to discuss issues of interest to local residents;
9 and

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

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize February 21, 2007, as Athens Day at
17 the State Capitol and join the citizens of that city in paying
18 tribute to their hometown.