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H.R. No. 694

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Garland City Council are visiting the  
2 State Capitol on March 3, 2011, and this occasion provides a welcome  
3 opportunity to celebrate the city's history and achievements; and

4 WHEREAS, This thriving North Texas community was established  
5 along the junction of several major railroads in the late 1800s;  
6 originally known as Duck Creek and Embry, it was renamed in honor of  
7 H. A. Garland, who served as United States attorney general under  
8 President Grover Cleveland; and

9 WHEREAS, Incorporated in 1891, Garland began as a rural  
10 farming town and grew slowly but steadily during its first 50 years;  
11 just over 2,000 people lived there in 1940, but the nation's growing  
12 industrial needs during World War II brought several new  
13 businesses, and by the end of the decade, the population had  
14 increased to around 10,000; today, it is the 12th largest city in  
15 Texas, with more than 226,000 people; and

16 WHEREAS, Garland's progress is now being fostered by the  
17 visionary leadership of the members of the Garland City Council and  
18 the Garland Chamber of Commerce; through mutual efforts, they are  
19 working to enhance the city's economy and to ensure that Garland  
20 will continue to offer the economic diversity, job growth, and  
21 favorable business climate that has characterized its expansion and  
22 made it an ideal place to live and work through the years; and

23 WHEREAS, Garland has its own unique history and identity as  
24 well as numerous performing arts centers, museums, and theaters of

1 which its residents can be proud, while its location near Dallas  
2 allows them also to take advantage of the myriad cultural  
3 opportunities that the Metroplex has to offer; it is further  
4 blessed with abundant commercial and natural resources, an  
5 energetic and forward-looking citizenry, and outstanding leaders  
6 that are allowing it to continue to play a significant role in the  
7 prosperity and ongoing development of the Lone Star State; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize the members of the Garland City  
11 Council on the occasion of their visit to the State Capitol and  
12 extend to them best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable stay in  
13 Austin; and, be it further

14         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for the Garland City Council as an expression of high  
16 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.