

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Representatives of the City of Plano, the Plano
2 Chamber of Commerce, and the Plano Independent School District are
3 visiting Austin on March 31 and April 1, 2015, to take part in Plano
4 Legislative Days at the State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, Boasting a population of nearly 275,000, this
6 self-styled City of Excellence has garnered multiple accolades in
7 recent years for its prosperity and quality of life; in 2014, it was
8 ranked as the third best-run city in America by *USA Today* and the
9 24/7 Wall Street online financial news service, while *Time* magazine
10 cited it as one of the 10 healthiest places to live in America;
11 Movoto Real Estate and Research has named Plano as the safest city
12 with a population over 250,000 and as the fourth-safest city
13 overall, and the WalletHub consumer networking site rated it No. 1
14 on its 2014 list of the best cities for families; and

15 WHEREAS, Contributing greatly to the city's success is the
16 Plano Chamber of Commerce, which is committed to maximizing
17 business development and economic growth through advocacy,
18 education, innovation, and collaboration; the chamber has helped to
19 make Plano home to many leading global corporations, including six
20 Fortune 1000 companies, by promoting the city's outstanding
21 workforce, competitive business climate, world-class business
22 parks, and accessibility; its efforts have earned the Plano Chamber
23 a 5-star accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, placing
24 it among the top one percent of chambers of commerce in the nation;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The Plano Independent School District is likewise
3 benefiting the city and area residents, with the 6,700 members of
4 its faculty and staff working to prepare the district's 55,000
5 students for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead; the
6 teachers of Plano ISD average more than 11 years of experience, and
7 more than a third of them hold master's degrees; with a graduation
8 rate close to 96 percent, Plano ISD is one of a select few districts
9 in the United States and Canada that have been named to the annual
10 Advanced Placement District Honor Roll, and 23 of its schools have
11 been named Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence by the U.S. Department
12 of Education; the district has also been named one of the 100 best
13 in the nation in music education by several national surveys, and in
14 2014, 78 of the district's students were National Merit Scholarship
15 semifinalists; and

16 WHEREAS, A true Lone Star success story, Plano's reputation
17 as a wonderful city in which to work, play, and raise a family grows
18 every day, and the City of Plano, the Plano Chamber of Commerce, and
19 the Plano Independent School District are helping to build an even
20 brighter and more prosperous future for their thriving community;
21 now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas Legislature hereby recognize March 31 and April 1, 2015, as Plano Legislative Days at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1677 was adopted by the House on April 23, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House