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H.R. No. 1677

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

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