

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 463

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

WHEREAS, Boasting a population of nearly 275,000, this self-styled City of Excellence has garnered multiple accolades in recent years for its prosperity and quality of life; in 2014, it was ranked as the third best-run city in America by *USA Today* and the 24/7 Wall Street online financial news service, while *Time* magazine cited it as one of the 10 healthiest places to live in America; Movoto Real Estate and Research has named Plano as the safest city with a population over 250,000 and as the fourth-safest city overall, and the WalletHub consumer networking site ranked it first on its 2014 list of the best cities for families; and

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

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

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

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th 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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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 31, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate