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H.R. No. 278

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Athens are gathering in Austin on
2 February 7, 2017, to celebrate Athens Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, Athens was first incorporated in 1856, and through
4 the decades, this charming East Texas town has seen significant
5 growth; today, its diverse economic base includes industrial
6 manufacturing and other businesses in addition to farming and
7 livestock ventures; education is a key element in the town's
8 productivity, with Trinity Valley Community College and the area's
9 other schools helping residents to prepare for the future; and

10 WHEREAS, Athens has been proclaimed the Original Home of the
11 Hamburger by the Texas Legislature in tribute to the role that city
12 resident Fletcher Davis played in the creation of this American
13 favorite; and

14 WHEREAS, Visitors and residents alike enjoy such cultural
15 institutions as the East Texas Arboretum, the Henderson County
16 Historical Museum, the Henderson County Performing Arts Center, the
17 Cain Center, the Henderson County Fairpark Complex, and the Texas
18 Freshwater Fisheries Center, where 300,000 gallons of aquarium
19 exhibits feature a wide variety of native Texas fish in natural
20 environments; and

21 WHEREAS, This lovely city continues to be one of the Lone Star
22 State's great assets and an outstanding place in which to live,
23 work, and raise a family, and its citizens may indeed take pride in
24 their hometown's ongoing achievements; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize February 7, 2017, as Athens Day at the
3 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best
4 wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.