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H.R. No. 396

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud residents of Garland are gathering in Austin  
2 on February 15, 2017, to celebrate Garland Day at the State Capitol;  
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4           WHEREAS, Named for Augustus H. Garland, who served as  
5 attorney general of the United States, the city began as the site of  
6 a new post office that was established in 1887 between the  
7 communities of Duck Creek and Embree; the population grew to 478  
8 over the next few years, and Garland was incorporated in 1891; and

9           WHEREAS, Now the 12th-largest city in Texas, with area in  
10 Collin and Rockwall as well as Dallas Counties, Garland is home to  
11 more than 230,000 people and such major employers as Kraft Foods,  
12 Hatco, Baylor Medical Center, and L3 Communications, which  
13 contribute greatly to the area's economy; in 2015, Garland was  
14 recognized as the eighth-best-run city in the country; moreover, it  
15 has been ranked as the second-best city in the State of Texas for  
16 saving money, and in 2008, CNN placed it on its list of "Top 100  
17 Places to Live"; and

18           WHEREAS, The people of Garland enjoy numerous amenities,  
19 including 6 recreation centers and more than 60 parks across nearly  
20 3,000 acres; the Firewheel Town Center is an outdoor mall offering  
21 access to more than 100 businesses and a movie theater, and 5th  
22 Street Crossing at Garland Station is a mixed-use development that  
23 helped to revitalize Garland's historic downtown; and

24           WHEREAS, With 57,000 students, Garland Independent School

1 District is one of the largest and most diverse school districts in  
2 the state; it emphasizes community involvement and access to  
3 technology, and in 2016, the district's Hillside Academy for  
4 Excellence was recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a  
5 National Blue Ribbon School; and

6 WHEREAS, This dynamic city is one of the Lone Star State's  
7 great treasures, and it is indeed a pleasure to honor the citizens  
8 of Garland as they continue to work toward an even brighter future;  
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby recognize February 15, 2017, as Garland Day at  
12 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
13 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.