

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 February 15 and 16, 2017, to take part in Plano  
4 Legislative Days at the State Capitol; and

5           WHEREAS, Boasting a population of approximately 277,000,  
6 this self-styled City of Excellence has garnered multiple accolades  
7 in recent years for its prosperity and quality of life; in 2016,  
8 Plano was recognized as the third best place to live in America and  
9 the best place to live in Texas by *Money* magazine, while WalletHub  
10 named it the number one city to find a job and the Milken Institute  
11 ranked it fifth on its 2016 list of Best Performing Cities; and

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

24           WHEREAS, The Plano Independent School District is likewise

1 benefiting the city and area residents, with the 6,800 members of  
2 its faculty and staff working to prepare the district's 55,000  
3 students for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead; the  
4 teachers of Plano ISD average more than 11 years of experience, and  
5 more than a third of them hold master's degrees; with a graduation  
6 rate of more than 96 percent, Plano ISD students' scores on college  
7 entrance exams continue to exceed those of their peers across the  
8 country, and 121 of its young scholars were awarded semifinalist  
9 standing in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program; moreover,  
10 the district is home to a number of state, national, and  
11 international science fair winners, and all of the district's 44  
12 elementary schools are HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter  
13 Lunchrooms award winners; and

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

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby recognize February 15-16, 2017, as Plano  
22 Legislative Days at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting  
23 delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable  
24 stay in Austin.

Laubenberg  
Leach  
Shaheen  
Fallon

Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 445

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 445 was adopted by the House on February 16, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House