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H.R. No. 445

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.