

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 118

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Athens and Texans across the state in celebrating February 7, 2017, as Athens Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The City of Athens was incorporated in 1856, and through the years, this charming East Texas town has seen significant growth; today, its diverse economic base includes industrial manufacturing and other businesses, in addition to farming and livestock ventures; the town's thriving education system is a key element of its success and productivity, and Trinity Valley Community College is a first-rate institute; and

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

WHEREAS, The city's visitors and residents enjoy such cultural institutions as the East Texas Arboretum, the Henderson County Historical Museum, the Henderson County Performing Arts Center, and the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, where a 300,000-gallon aquarium features a variety of native Texas fish in their natural environment; and

WHEREAS, The City of Athens is a lovely community and an outstanding place in which to live, work, and raise a family, and residents can confidently embrace their future while continuing to preserve their rich and colorful past; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend the people of Athens for their many contributions to the growth and progress of our state and extend to the visiting delegation best wishes for an enjoyable Athens Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the city as a token of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Nichols

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 6, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate