

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 199**

**WHEREAS**, Proud residents of Garland are gathering in Austin on February 15, 2017, to celebrate Garland Day at the State Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, Named for Augustus H. Garland, who served as attorney general of the United States, the city began as the site of a new post office that was established in 1887 between the communities of Duck Creek and Embree; the population grew to 478 over the next few years, and Garland was incorporated in 1891; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, With 57,000 students, Garland Independent School District is one of the largest and most diverse school districts

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in the state; it emphasizes community involvement and access to technology, and in 2016, the district's Hillside Academy for Excellence was recognized by the United States Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School; and

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

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 15, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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