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H.R. No. 371

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Distinguished citizens of Irving are gathering on
2 February 20, 2019, to celebrate Irving Day at the State Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, The Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce is the
4 first Five Star Chamber of Commerce in Texas and actively
5 represents the interests of the largest business park in North
6 Texas; and

7 WHEREAS, Irving began its period of rapid growth in the
8 mid-20th century; the University of Dallas enrolled its first
9 students in 1956, and Irving Community Hospital began treating
10 patients in 1964; the creation of DFW International Airport and the
11 creation of Las Colinas and Valley Ranch master-planned residential
12 communities contributed further to the city's growth; and

13 WHEREAS, Today, with the first Five Star Chamber of Commerce
14 in Texas and a population of approximately 240,000, Irving is the
15 ninth most diverse city in the United States and is known as the
16 "Headquarters of Headquarters" with more headquarters per capita
17 than any other city in the nation; Irving is home to more than 8,500
18 companies, including seven Fortune 500 global headquarters:
19 ExxonMobil, McKesson, the Fluor Corporation, Kimberly-Clark,
20 Celanese, Pioneer Natural Resources, and Vistra Energy, and the
21 Fortune 1000 global headquarters for The Michaels Companies,
22 Commercial Metals, Darling Ingredients, Flowserve Corporation, and
23 Nexstar Media Group; other major employers include such companies
24 as AT&T, ACE Cash Express, Aviall and The Boeing Company, Citi, HMS,

1 Holt Cat, Microsoft, Oncor, Plastronics Socket Company, Regal
2 Plastics, and Verizon; and

3 WHEREAS, Irving's educational resources make it a fine place
4 to live and work; the University of Dallas, North Lake College, and
5 eight other institutions of higher education offer opportunities
6 for study and personal growth; and

7 WHEREAS, The Irving Arts Center, three symphony orchestras,
8 and two award-winning theater companies, as well as the gondolas at
9 the Mandalay Canal, the museum and sculpture of the Mustangs of Las
10 Colinas, the Toyota Music Factory, and Gables Water Street all
11 provide entertainment for residents and visitors alike; and

12 WHEREAS, Benefiting greatly from the farsighted leadership
13 of mayor Rick Stopfer and city council members John Danish, Allan
14 Meagher, David Palmer, Phil Riddle, Kyle Taylor, Oscar Ward, Dennis
15 Webb, and Al Zapanta, Irving is a forward-looking and vibrant city,
16 and its creative and hardworking citizens are to be commended for
17 their contributions to the prosperity of the Lone Star State; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
20 Legislature hereby recognize February 20, 2019, as Irving Day at
21 the State Capitol and extend to its mayor, city council members,
22 city manager, corporate executives, chamber representatives, and
23 other citizens present today a warm welcome to Austin.