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H.R. No. 395

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 27 and 28, 2019, to take part in Plano
4 Legislative Days at the State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, Boasting a population of approximately 283,000,
6 this self-styled City of Excellence has garnered multiple accolades
7 in recent years for its prosperity and quality of life; in 2018,
8 Plano was recognized as the best place to live in America by
9 AreaVibes, the best city to buy a house by Niche, and the best city
10 for jobs by *Forbes*, while maintaining its status as one of the
11 safest cities in America as recognized by WalletHub and remaining
12 among the five best-performing cities as recognized by the Milken
13 Institute; and

14 WHEREAS, Contributing greatly to the city's success is the
15 Plano Chamber of Commerce, which is committed to supporting
16 economic growth through advocacy, education, innovation, and
17 collaboration; promoting the city's outstanding workforce,
18 competitive business climate, world-class business parks, and
19 accessibility, the chamber represents many iconic global
20 corporations, including Toyota Motor North America, Liberty Mutual
21 Insurance, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Boeing Global Services, NTT DATA,
22 JCPenney, FedEx Office, Frito-Lay, and Capital One; its efforts
23 have earned the Plano Chamber a five-star accreditation from the
24 U.S. Chamber of Commerce, placing it among the top one percent of

1 chambers of commerce in the nation, and the distinguished honor of
2 being named 2018 Chamber of the Year by the Association of Chamber
3 of Commerce Executives; and

4 WHEREAS, The Plano Independent School District is likewise
5 benefiting the city and area residents, with nearly 7,000 members
6 of its faculty and staff working to prepare the district's more than
7 53,000 students for the challenges and opportunities that lie
8 ahead; the teachers of Plano ISD average more than 11 years of
9 experience, and 35 percent of them hold master's degrees or above;
10 more than 96 percent of Plano ISD students graduate in four years,
11 and their scores on college entrance exams continue to exceed those
12 of their peers nationwide; in addition, 112 Plano ISD seniors were
13 awarded semifinalist standing in the 2019 National Merit
14 Scholarship Program; the district is also home to a number of state,
15 national, and international winners in fine arts, career and
16 technical education, and science competitions; moreover, two
17 middle schools have received the distinction of Texas Schools to
18 Watch, and nine district PTAs have been recognized as National PTA
19 Schools of Excellence; and

20 WHEREAS, A true Lone Star success story, Plano is a diverse
21 and inclusive city that comfortably competes on the global stage
22 for any business, individual, or family looking for a place to call
23 home, and the City of Plano, the Plano Chamber of Commerce, and the
24 Plano Independent School District are helping to build an even
25 brighter and more prosperous future for their thriving community;
26 now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize February 27 and 28, 2019, as Plano
2 Legislative Days at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
3 delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable
4 stay in Austin.