

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Plano Parks and Recreation Department  
2 celebrated the grand reopening of the newly expanded and  
3 refurbished Sam Johnson Recreation Center for Adults 50+ on March  
4 18, 2019; and

5           WHEREAS, Funding for the renovation was provided by the 2009  
6 bond election, and in 2018, Plano City Council members unanimously  
7 approved the renaming of the facility, which was previously known  
8 as the Plano Senior Recreation Center; the new name honors Plano's  
9 own Sam Johnson, a native Texan, decorated war hero, and longtime  
10 U.S. and state lawmaker; Representative Johnson's 29 years in the  
11 U.S. Air Force, which ranks as one of the longest military careers  
12 of any member of Congress, included nearly seven years as a prisoner  
13 of war in Hanoi; after returning to civilian life, he served in the  
14 Texas House of Representatives from 1985 to 1991 and in the  
15 U.S. House from 1991 to 2019; and

16           WHEREAS, Built in 1997, the center that now bears Congressman  
17 Johnson's name has been a popular gathering place for older Texans  
18 in the community; new additions to the facility include a  
19 2,800-square-foot cardio and weight room expansion, an enhanced  
20 café, increased classroom space, and an upgraded Wellness Center  
21 for Older Adults; and

22           WHEREAS, These improvements will no doubt make the Sam  
23 Johnson Recreation Center for Adults 50+ an even more popular  
24 outlet for Plano residents looking to maintain healthy lifestyles,

1 meet new friends, and enjoy many other activities in the company of  
2 their peers, and the reopening of this treasured facility was  
3 indeed a joyous occasion for the Plano community; now, therefore,  
4 be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the grand reopening of the Sam  
7 Johnson Recreation Center for Adults 50+ and extend to the center's  
8 administrators, staff, and patrons sincere best wishes for the  
9 future; and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for the center as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
12 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1453

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1453 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House