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H.R. No. 1453

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.