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H.R. No. 151

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
2 87th Texas Legislature are pleased to honor the city of Athens and
3 to recognize all those who are participating in its legislative day
4 on April 21, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Athens was first incorporated in 1856, and through
6 the decades, this charming East Texas town has seen significant
7 growth; today, its diverse economic base includes industrial
8 manufacturing and other businesses in addition to farming and
9 livestock ventures; education is a key element in the town's
10 productivity, with Trinity Valley Community College and the area's
11 other schools helping residents to prepare for the future; and

12 WHEREAS, The county seat of Henderson County, Athens is home
13 to a growing number of wineries, restaurants, and shops, and it has
14 been called the Black-Eyed Pea Capital of the World for the years
15 when "cowpeas" were a major crop for the local farming community;
16 Athens was also named the Original Home of the Hamburger by the
17 Texas Legislature in tribute to the role that local resident
18 Fletcher Davis played in the creation of this American favorite;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Visitors and residents alike enjoy such cultural
21 institutions as the East Texas Arboretum, the Henderson County
22 Performing Arts Center, the Cain Center, the Henderson County
23 Fairpark Complex, and the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, where
24 300,000 gallons of aquarium exhibits feature a wide variety of

1 native Texas fish in natural environments; and

2 WHEREAS, This lovely town continues to be one of the Lone Star
3 State's great assets and an outstanding area in which to live, work,
4 and raise a family, and its citizens may indeed take pride in the
5 place they call home; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor the city of Athens and extend to all its
8 residents sincere best wishes for the future.