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H.R. No. 696

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 recognize the City of Plano,
3 the Plano Chamber of Commerce, and the Plano Independent School
4 District for their important contributions to the Lone Star State;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Boasting a population of approximately 286,000,
7 this self-styled City of Excellence has garnered multiple accolades
8 in recent years for its prosperity and quality of life; in 2020,
9 Plano was recognized as the third most recession-resistant city in
10 America by SmartAsset, the eighth best place to raise a family by
11 Niche, and the second happiest city in America by Patch, while
12 maintaining its status as one of the safest cities in America as
13 recognized by WalletHub and remaining among the 10 best-performing
14 cities as recognized by the Milken Institute; and

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

1 U.S. Chamber of Commerce, placing it among the top one percent of
2 chambers of commerce in the nation, and the distinguished honor of
3 being named 2018 Chamber of the Year by the Association of Chamber
4 of Commerce Executives; and

5 WHEREAS, The Plano Independent School District likewise
6 benefits the city and area residents, with nearly 7,000 members of
7 its faculty and staff working to educate, inspire, and empower the
8 district's more than 50,000 students to activate their unique
9 potential in a dynamic world; the teachers of Plano ISD average more
10 than 11 years of experience, and 36 percent of them hold master's
11 degrees or above; nearly 96 percent of Plano ISD students graduate
12 in four years, and their scores on college entrance exams continue
13 to exceed those of their peers nationwide; in addition, 103 Plano
14 ISD seniors were awarded semifinalist standing in the 2021 National
15 Merit Scholarship Program; the district is also home to a number of
16 state, national, and international winners in fine arts, athletics,
17 career and technical education, and science competitions; 13
18 district PTAs have been recognized as National PTA Schools of
19 Excellence; moreover, Plano ISD was able to shift gears, acquire
20 materials, train staff, and work with community partners to
21 continue meeting the diverse and complex needs of students and
22 family since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

23 WHEREAS, A true Lone Star success story, Plano is a diverse
24 and inclusive city that comfortably competes on the global stage
25 for any business, individual, or family looking for a place to call
26 home, and the City of Plano, the Plano Chamber of Commerce, and
27 Plano ISD are helping to build an even brighter and more prosperous

1 future for their thriving community; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor the City of Plano, the Plano Chamber of
4 Commerce, and Plano ISD and extend to the residents of Plano sincere
5 best wishes for the future.