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H.R. No. 177

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Coppel are gathering at the
2 State Capitol to celebrate Coppel Day on March 2, 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, The first known settler in what was originally
4 called Grapevine Springs was James Parish, who moved to the area in
5 the mid-1800s; in time, a farming community developed, and it was
6 renamed Gibbs in honor of Barnett Gibbs, a Dallas lawyer, civic
7 leader, politician, and local real estate investor; strongly
8 supported by the state's farmers, Mr. Gibbs served in the 1880s as
9 lieutenant governor; the young town acquired rail connections in
10 1888 with the arrival of the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Railway,
11 and in the early 1890s, it was renamed Coppel, in honor of New York
12 financier George Coppel, who had provided crucial assistance to
13 the rail line; the city incorporated in 1955; and

14 WHEREAS, Coppel today is home to nearly 1,500 businesses,
15 including 45 corporate headquarters and nearly a dozen Fortune 500
16 companies; it boasts a thriving residential community that enjoys
17 excellent services, exemplary parks, and safe neighborhoods, and it
18 benefits from its central location at the heart of the Dallas-Fort
19 Worth Metroplex, only five miles from DFW International Airport and
20 30 minutes from both Dallas and Fort Worth; and

21 WHEREAS, In recent years, the city was honored with
22 consecutive National Gold Medal Awards by the National Recreation
23 and Park Association, a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence
24 in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers

1 Association, and a Certificate of Distinction by the Government
2 Treasurers' Organization of Texas, in addition to receiving AAA
3 bond ratings by both Moody's and Standard and a Certificate of
4 Achievement from the Richard R. Lillie, FAICP Planning Excellence
5 Recognition Program of the Texas Chapter of the American Planning
6 Association; it was also ranked 25th among the 100 Best Fleets in
7 the Americas by NAFA Fleet Management Association, and it was
8 recognized as a National Night Out winner in 2022, placing fourth in
9 the nation among similarly sized cities that participated in the
10 campaign; and

11 WHEREAS, Coppell Independent School District, a premier
12 public school system with high-performing schools, is home to more
13 than 13,400 students, who represent a wide range of countries,
14 languages, and cultural and ethnic backgrounds; the district is
15 committed to creating profound learning experiences for each child
16 and focuses on themes of collective engagement, great teaching,
17 authentic relationships, and redefining success; and

18 WHEREAS, Residents of Coppell are building on their past
19 achievements as they work toward an even brighter future, and it is
20 indeed fitting to take this opportunity to honor them; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize March 2, 2023, as Coppell Day at the
24 State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation.