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H.R. No. 345

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Athens are gathering in Austin on
2 February 28, 2023, for Athens Day at the State Capitol; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, Visitors and residents alike enjoy such cultural
19 institutions as the East Texas Arboretum and Botanical Society, the
20 Henderson County Performing Arts Center, the Cain Center, the
21 Henderson County Regional Fairpark Complex, and the Texas
22 Freshwater Fisheries Center, where 300,000 gallons of aquarium
23 exhibits feature a wide variety of native Texas fish in natural
24 environments; and

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

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize February 28, 2023, as Athens Day at
7 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
8 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.