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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Allen are gathering in Austin on  
2 February 27, 2025, to celebrate City of Allen Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The community's location in southwestern Collin  
5 County was first inhabited by the Caddo, Kiowa, and Comanche  
6 people, and later, immigrants of European descent, who were drawn  
7 to the area's fertile land and plentiful water; in 1870, the city  
8 was established by the Houston and Texas Central Railway and named  
9 for Ebenezer Allen, former attorney general of Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, After the Houston and Texas Central Railway  
11 constructed a stone dam, water tower, and pump house on Cottonwood  
12 Creek, the town became a commercial center for local farmers, who  
13 were able to more easily transport their products; the railroad  
14 helped usher in an era of significant growth for the city, which by  
15 1884 had a population estimated at 350, three churches, a school, a  
16 chair factory, and a flour mill; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, Allen is a vibrant and diverse community with  
18 a population of more than 100,000 people, and its economy benefits  
19 from the financial services, information technology, professional  
20 services, and telecommunications industries; moreover, it is home  
21 to the Collin College Technical Campus and is in close proximity to  
22 The University of Texas at Dallas, UT Southwestern Medical Center,  
23 and many other leading universities; and

24 WHEREAS, With its abundance of natural beauty, visitors and

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1 residents alike enjoy nearly 2,000 acres of parkland, more than 80  
2 miles of hike-and-bike trails, and numerous recreation facilities,  
3 including a municipal golf course, an aquatic center, and one of the  
4 state's largest outdoor skate parks; other attractions include  
5 musical, dance, and theatrical productions by the Allen Arts  
6 Alliance, and the Credit Union of Texas Event Center is home to the  
7 Allen Americans hockey team and the Dallas Sidekicks soccer team;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Boasting a rich history, thriving cultural  
10 institutions, and a dynamic business community, Allen has  
11 established itself as an outstanding place to live and work, and its  
12 citizens may indeed take pride in the place they call home; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2025, as City of Allen  
16 Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting  
17 delegation.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 271 was adopted by the House on March 13, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House