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H.R. No. 271

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

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.