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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Proud residents of Plano are gathering in Austin on  
2 February 26, 2025, to celebrate Plano Day at the State Capitol; and

3           WHEREAS, The city traces its origins to the early 1850s, when  
4 William Forman established a general store, post office, and  
5 several other enterprises that became the hub of the community; the  
6 Houston and Texas Central Railway connected the area to nearby  
7 Dallas in 1872, and the town was officially incorporated the  
8 following year; in its early decades, Plano became home of several  
9 industries and served as a retail outlet for area farmers; the  
10 town's population increased at a moderate pace during the first  
11 half of the 1900s but has grown rapidly in the decades since,  
12 becoming a prominent part of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex; and

13           WHEREAS, Today, Plano boasts a population of more than  
14 290,000; the Plano Chamber of Commerce has played an important role  
15 in the city's economic growth through advocacy, education,  
16 innovation, and collaboration, and the community further benefits  
17 from the educational opportunities provided by the Plano  
18 Independent School District and two Collin College campuses; the  
19 city has received a host of accolades in recent years, including  
20 recognition by both the *New York Times* and WalletHub in 2024 as one  
21 of the best places in the country to raise children; and

22           WHEREAS, Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the recreational  
23 activities at Oak Point Park and the Arbor Hills Nature Preserve,  
24 and visitors and locals alike can explore the city's rich history at

1 the Heritage Farmstead Museum, the Interurban Railway Museum, and  
2 the Plano African American Museum; the Plano Balloon Festival, one  
3 of the city's signature events, takes place each September; and

4 WHEREAS, Plano has earned a well-deserved reputation as an  
5 outstanding place to live and work, and its citizens may take  
6 justifiable pride in the unique contributions that their community  
7 has made to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2025, as Plano Day at the  
10 State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation.