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H.R. No. 335

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Representatives of the City of Plano, the Plano
2 Chamber of Commerce, and the Plano Independent School District are
3 visiting Austin on February 25 to 26, 2025, to take part in Plano
4 Legislative Days at the State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, Boasting a population of approximately 292,000,
6 this self-styled City of Excellence garners accolades for its
7 prosperity and quality of life; today, the city and its residents
8 benefit from the outstanding leadership of Mayor John B. Muns and
9 the seven members of the city council, Mayor Pro Tempore Maria Tu,
10 Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Julie Holmer, Anthony Ricciardelli, Rick
11 Horne, Kayci Prince, Shelby Williams, and Rick Smith; among its
12 many accolades in 2024, Plano was recognized as the fourth best city
13 to raise a family by WalletHub, as the fifth best place to live in
14 America by Niche.com, and as the fourth top tech city in the U.S. by
15 Cloudwars.net; and

16 WHEREAS, Contributing greatly to the city's success is the
17 Plano Chamber of Commerce, which is committed to supporting
18 economic growth through advocacy, education, innovation, and
19 collaboration; promoting the city's outstanding workforce,
20 competitive business climate, world-class business parks, and
21 accessibility, the chamber represents many iconic global
22 corporations, including Toyota Motor North America, USAA, JPMorgan
23 Chase & Co., the Boeing Company, NTT DATA, JCPenney, IKEA,
24 Frito-Lay, and Capital One; its efforts have earned the Plano

1 Chamber a five-star accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of
2 Commerce, placing it among the top one percent of chambers of
3 commerce in the nation, and the distinguished honor of being named
4 2018 Chamber of the Year by the Association of Chamber of Commerce
5 Executives; the chamber benefits from the dedicated work of its
6 president and CEO, Kelle Marsalis; and

7 WHEREAS, The Plano Independent School District is likewise
8 benefiting the city and area residents, with some 7,000 members of
9 its faculty and staff working to prepare the district's nearly
10 50,000 students for the challenges and opportunities that lie
11 ahead; Plano ISD is ably led by superintendent Dr. Theresa Williams
12 and the seven members of the board of trustees, president Nancy
13 Humphrey, vice president Dr. Lauren Tyra, secretary Tarrah Lantz,
14 Angela Powell, Michael Cook, Jeri Chambers, and Katherine Chan
15 Goodwin; the teachers of Plano ISD average more than 11 years of
16 experience, and 36 percent of them hold master's degrees or above;
17 about 95 percent of Plano ISD students graduate high school in four
18 years, and their scores on college entrance exams continue to
19 exceed those of their peers nationwide; in addition, 74 Plano ISD
20 seniors were awarded semifinalist standing in the 2024 National
21 Merit Scholarship Program; the district is also home to a number of
22 state, national, and international winners in fine arts, career and
23 technical education, and science competitions, and three district
24 Parent Teacher Associations were recognized as National PTA Schools
25 of Excellence for 2023-2025; and

26 WHEREAS, A true Lone Star success story, Plano is a global
27 leader where residents are bonded by a shared sense of community and

1 experience unparalleled in quality of life, and the City of Plano,
2 the Plano Chamber of Commerce, and the Plano Independent School
3 District are helping to build an even brighter and more prosperous
4 future for their thriving community; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize February 25 to 26, 2025, as Plano
7 Legislative Days at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
8 delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable
9 stay in Austin.