

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 133

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

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

WHEREAS, Contributing greatly to the city's success is the Plano Chamber of Commerce, which is committed to supporting economic growth through advocacy, education, innovation, and collaboration; promoting the city's outstanding workforce, competitive business climate, world-class business parks, and accessibility, the chamber represents many iconic global corporations, including Toyota Motor North America, USAA, JPMorgan Chase & Co., the Boeing Company, NTT DATA, JCPenney, IKEA, Frito-Lay, and Capital One; its efforts have earned the Plano Chamber a five-star accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, placing it among the top one percent of chambers of commerce in the nation, and the distinguished honor of being named 2018 Chamber of the Year by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives; the chamber benefits from the dedicated work of its president and CEO, Kelle Marsalis; and

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

WHEREAS, A true Lone Star success story, Plano is a global leader where residents are bonded by a shared sense of community and experience unparalleled in quality of life, and the City of Plano, the Plano Chamber of Commerce, and the Plano Independent

School District are helping to build an even brighter and more prosperous future for their thriving community; now, therefore, be it

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

Paxton, Hagenbuch, Hall

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 26, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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