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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange,
2 and surrounding communities are gathering in Austin on February 27
3 and 28, 2023, to celebrate Golden Triangle Days at the State
4 Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, Situated on the Gulf Coast and western Louisiana
6 border, amid low marshland, this region within Jefferson and Orange
7 Counties is well known for its rich natural resources, and in its
8 early years, the area grew as an active riverport that served as a
9 center for cattle raisers, farmers, lumber workers, and rice
10 millers; the discovery of oil at Spindletop in 1901 led to a boom in
11 industry and wealth, and the area of land between the cities of
12 Beaumont, Orange, and Port Arthur was deemed the Golden Triangle;
13 known for its strong industrial infrastructure, which includes the
14 impressive ports of Beaumont and Port Arthur, this dynamic region
15 is now one of the largest refining and petrochemical hubs in the
16 world; and

17 WHEREAS, The approximately 400,000 residents of the Golden
18 Triangle have access to distinguished educational institutions,
19 including Lamar University, Lamar State College Orange, Lamar State
20 College Port Arthur, and Lamar Institute of Technology; the public
21 also benefits from the extraordinary landscape of Southeast Texas,
22 which lends itself to various environmental tourism sites, such as
23 Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, the Big Thicket
24 National Preserve, Sea Rim State Park, and the McFaddin National

1 Wildlife Refuge; moreover, there are numerous historical and
2 cultural attractions, including Beaumont's Crockett Street
3 Entertainment District, the Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown
4 Museum, the McFaddin-Ward House, the Sabine Pass Battleground State
5 Historic Site, and the Museum of the Gulf Coast; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 2007, leaders from the Beaumont, Port Arthur,
7 and Orange chambers of commerce have combined their advocacy
8 efforts during sessions of the Texas Legislature, and Golden
9 Triangle Days at the Capitol provide an opportunity for citizens to
10 build business relationships with state officials and others
11 throughout Southeast Texas; this year, representatives from
12 Beaumont, Bridge City, Groves, Nederland, Orange, Port Arthur, Port
13 Neches, and Vidor are attending the event; and

14 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work to build
15 an even brighter future, residents of the Golden Triangle may
16 indeed take great pride in the important role their communities
17 continue to play in the story of the Lone Star State; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
20 Legislature hereby recognize February 27 and 28, 2023, as Golden
21 Triangle Days at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
22 delegations sincere best wishes for a rewarding and memorable stay
23 in Austin.