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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce  
2 are gathering in Austin on February 4, 2025, to celebrate East End  
3 Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Predating the founding of the City of Houston, the  
5 East End can trace its origins to the 1820s, when New York  
6 entrepreneur John Richardson Harris established Harrisburg at the  
7 intersection of Brays and Buffalo Bayous; after briefly serving as  
8 the capital of the Republic of Texas, the town was annexed by  
9 Houston in 1926; today, the East End encompasses more than 234,000  
10 people and 7,700 businesses, and it remains a location of great  
11 importance as the proud home of the Port of Houston, one of the  
12 nation's foremost ports for international trade and one of the  
13 largest port facilities in the world; and

14 WHEREAS, The Houston East End Chamber of Commerce was founded  
15 in 1991 to promote economic expansion and investment in the area;  
16 guided by this central goal, the chamber hosts a wide range of  
17 programs, such as business luncheons, business-to-business  
18 seminars, and other events that encourage new commercial ventures,  
19 foster good will, and support existing businesses; moreover, the  
20 group created the L.E.A.D. East End program to mentor leaders  
21 through an educational series that emphasizes the value of  
22 professional development and community involvement; and

23 WHEREAS, Dedicated to equipping the next generation with the  
24 knowledge and skills necessary to succeed, the chamber foundation

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1 has awarded more than \$600,000 in scholarships over the past 19  
2 years; in addition, the chamber hosts an annual Education Symposium  
3 to create a bridge between local schools and industries with the  
4 goal of developing a workforce that meets the needs of businesses;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Houston East End Chamber of Commerce has  
7 remained steadfast in its mission to promote economic vitality by  
8 establishing strong connections throughout the community, and it is  
9 a pleasure to recognize the organization for its myriad  
10 contributions to the East End; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature  
12 hereby recognize February 4, 2025, as Houston East End Chamber of  
13 Commerce East End Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome  
14 to the visiting delegation.