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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The year 2006 marks the 20th anniversary of the  
2 Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce (GDAACC), and  
3 this milestone presents a fitting opportunity to salute this fine  
4 organization for its immeasurable contributions to the citizens of  
5 North Texas; and

6           WHEREAS, The largest Asian American chamber of commerce in  
7 the nation, the Dallas bureau was established in 1986 to develop  
8 leaders, broaden awareness of other cultures, assist members in  
9 finding new business opportunities, and represent Asian American  
10 communities of the Greater Dallas area in the business world; and

11           WHEREAS, Providing vision and leadership for the thriving  
12 organization of 1,000-plus members is a forward-thinking executive  
13 committee that includes Linda Kao, chair; Jeffrey Cheng, Audrey  
14 Sreshta, Tim Choe, Arnel Trovada, Esau Liu, and Mohammed Younus,  
15 vice chairs; Christel Tappin, secretary; Lal Daswani, treasurer;  
16 and Les Tanaka, executive director; they are ably assisted in the  
17 implementation of plans and projects by a committed board of  
18 directors and chamber staff; and

19           WHEREAS, The GDAACC has established a close relationship with  
20 the Greater Dallas and North Dallas Chambers of Commerce and the  
21 North Texas Commission, and forged strong alliances with chambers  
22 representing other ethnic groups, such as the Dallas Black Chamber  
23 of Commerce, the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and  
24 the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas, the largest

1 Native American chamber in the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, To attract revenue from conventions and tourism and  
3 to explore trade possibilities between Texas and Asia, the GDAACC  
4 also works with entities such as the Dallas Convention and Visitors  
5 Bureau and with various Asian American organizations; and

6 WHEREAS, Instituted in 2001, the Intermediary Lending  
7 Program is a boon to small businesses, providing short-term  
8 financial assistance to chamber members; the Multi-Ethnic  
9 Education and Economic Development Center, located in the "Little  
10 Asia" section of East Dallas, offers job training, entrepreneur  
11 development theory, and business assistance to local residents;  
12 these two endeavors demonstrate how the chamber sustains and  
13 nurtures business development by meeting the diverse needs of  
14 chamber and community members; and

15 WHEREAS, Involvement in chamber committees affords an  
16 excellent opportunity to network with other professionals while  
17 promoting the chamber and its various services and programs; among  
18 the chamber's current committees are groups concerned with the  
19 Asian Trade District, business and economic development,  
20 corporate/public relations, education, finance, international  
21 affairs, strategic planning, and women in business; and

22 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Greater Dallas Asian  
23 American Chamber of Commerce has rendered invaluable assistance to  
24 countless individuals, advanced cross-cultural understanding, and  
25 played a vital role in fostering a robust business environment in  
26 the Metroplex; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

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1 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate all those  
2 affiliated with the Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of  
3 Commerce on the chamber's 20th anniversary and extend to them  
4 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for the chamber as an expression of high regard by the  
7 Texas House of Representatives.