

By: Smith of Tarrant

H.R. No. 1700

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Hurst-Eules-Bedford Chamber of Commerce is
2 celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2005, presenting an apt
3 occasion to recognize the history of this notable organization; and

4 WHEREAS, Incorporated in 1955, the Hurst-Eules Chamber of
5 Commerce united the Hurst and Eules Chambers of Commerce, both of
6 which had been established three years earlier; in 1969, the
7 organization merged with the Bedford Chamber of Commerce to provide
8 an authoritative voice for the three-city industrial and business
9 community; and

10 WHEREAS, Since then, the numbers of residents of all three
11 cities have increased exponentially; according to the 1960 census,
12 Hurst had a population of approximately 10,000, Eules less than
13 4,300, and Bedford less than 3,000, and today those communities now
14 have an estimated 37,000, 50,000, and 48,000 citizens,
15 respectively; the chamber's budget has increased accordingly from
16 \$17,000 in the 1965-1966 fiscal year to \$450,000 in 2003-2004, and
17 chamber membership has more than tripled from 452 members to 1,500;
18 moreover, in 2004, the chamber moved into an impressive new
19 building on Martin Drive in Bedford; and

20 WHEREAS, For five decades, the HEB Chamber of Commerce has
21 worked to enhance the business environment of northeastern Tarrant
22 County by providing its members with excellent opportunities for
23 business promotion and education and, in so doing, has
24 significantly contributed to the vitality of that area of the Lone

1 Star State; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Chamber
4 of Commerce on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and extend to
5 its membership sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
6 it further

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