

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 288

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize March 2, 2005, as East End Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The City of Houston originated in what is now the East End, at the intersection of Brays and Buffalo Bayous; the area was settled by John Harris in 1826 and is known today as "Old Harrisburg"; and

WHEREAS, The East End is the proud home of the Port of Houston, the nation's foremost port for foreign commerce and the fifth largest port in the world; and

WHEREAS, Compared with other large central business districts in the United States, the East End is ranked 28th in employment, above the central business districts of San Antonio, Fort Worth, Miami, and Salt Lake City; and

WHEREAS, A top priority of the East End is to encourage economic vitality within the area; the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce and the Greater East End Management District recently entered into a partnership with the University of Houston's School of Architecture to develop a community-based strategic vision plan for the area; the plan will provide guidance and funding solutions to enhance the ongoing revitalization of this "Heart of Houston"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby express its appreciation to the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce for its many contributions to the East End of Houston and extend best wishes to all attending East End Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce as a memento of this special day.

Gallegos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 2, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate