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H.R. No. 446

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Houston Citizens Chamber of Commerce is marking  
2 71 years of service to the Bayou City in 2007, and members of the  
3 organization are celebrating this noteworthy milestone on February  
4 20; and

5           WHEREAS, In 1935, a group of local businessmen and  
6 businesswomen formed The Houston Citizens Chamber of Commerce to  
7 link minority workers with opportunities in the burgeoning  
8 commercial and industrial sectors of Houston; and

9           WHEREAS, The organization soon became a respected advocate  
10 for African American economic progress, expanding its role in  
11 recent years to establish an international trade division that  
12 explores opportunities abroad and a community affairs division that  
13 has partnered with the Port of Houston Authority, Texas Southern  
14 University, and other local groups in an effort to assist small  
15 businesses and promote financial and social growth; and

16           WHEREAS, Each year, HCCC highlights the successes of area  
17 African American businesses through its presentation of the African  
18 American Achievement Pinnacle Award, which honors companies that  
19 have made an impact in the business world as well as in the  
20 community they serve; moreover, the chamber has striven to provide  
21 opportunities to future leaders by awarding promising students the  
22 Education Achievement Scholarship; and

23           WHEREAS, Through a range of services, opportunities, and  
24 advocacy, The Houston Citizens Chamber of Commerce has promoted

1 achievement within the African American community for more than  
2 seven decades, and this rich tradition has enhanced the lives of  
3 countless Texans; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby recognize The Houston Citizens Chamber of  
6 Commerce on the occasion of the 71st anniversary of its founding and  
7 honor its members, both past and present, for the many significant  
8 contributions they have made to the betterment of the greater  
9 Houston area; and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the  
12 Texas House of Representatives.