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H.R. No. 512

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to  
2 join the citizens of Jefferson and Orange Counties in the  
3 celebration of Golden Triangle Days at the State Capitol February  
4 25-27, 2007; and

5           WHEREAS, More than 300 visitors from throughout the Golden  
6 Triangle formed by the cities of Orange, Beaumont, and Port Arthur  
7 have come to Austin to meet with elected officials and  
8 representatives of state agencies to express appreciation for work  
9 already done in behalf of the region and to make requests for  
10 further assistance to help strengthen their respective  
11 communities; and

12           WHEREAS, Jefferson and Orange County residents have gathered  
13 for this and other special events and activities in order to work  
14 together effectively and cohesively for the good of all Southeast  
15 Texas; and

16           WHEREAS, To that end, the chambers of commerce of Beaumont,  
17 Bridge City, Groves, Nederland, Orange, Port Arthur, Port Neches,  
18 and Vidor have combined forces to identify and address relevant  
19 issues as a region; and

20           WHEREAS, The area chambers of commerce work closely with  
21 Jefferson and Orange Counties, along with their respective cities,  
22 other taxing entities, business organizations, and the community at  
23 large, to recognize the needs and concerns of the entire citizenry  
24 with its great diversity and varying socioeconomic levels; and

1           WHEREAS, Jefferson and Orange Counties were devastated by  
2 Hurricane Rita on September 24, 2005, but have made great strides to  
3 recover and are currently experiencing up to \$14 billion in  
4 industrial expansion and growth devoted to supplying the energy  
5 needs of Texas and the nation; the cultural, historical, and  
6 economic contributions of this proud region, including its tourism  
7 attractions, educational centers such as Lamar University, Lamar  
8 State College-Orange, Lamar State College-Port Arthur, and the  
9 Lamar Institute of Technology, and the deep water ports of the  
10 Sabine-Neches ship channel, also play a significant role in the  
11 economic development presently taking place within the state; and

12           WHEREAS, The people of Jefferson and Orange Counties have  
13 been building a vibrant, forward-reaching region, and it is most  
14 appropriate to take this opportunity to acknowledge the  
15 public-spirited citizens from the Golden Triangle here today for  
16 their dedication and commitment to their communities; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby recognize February 25-27, 2007, as Golden  
20 Triangle Days at the State Capitol and welcome the region's  
21 visitors to Austin.