

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 291**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is proud to join the citizens of Jefferson and Orange Counties in recognizing February 25 through 27, 2007, as Golden Triangle Days at the State Capitol; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, To that end, the chambers of commerce of Beaumont, Bridge City, Groves, Nederland, Orange, Port Arthur, Port Neches, and Vidor have combined forces to identify and address relevant issues common to the region; and

**WHEREAS**, The area's chambers of commerce work closely with the counties of Jefferson and Orange, along with their respective cities, other taxing entities, business organizations, and the community at large, to recognize the needs and concerns of the entire citizenry, with its great diversity and varying socioeconomic levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Jefferson and Orange Counties were devastated by Hurricane Rita on September 24, 2005, but have made great strides toward recovery; the area is currently experiencing industrial expansion and growth due to its usefulness in supplying the energy needs of the state of Texas and the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, The cultural, historical, and economic contributions of this proud region to our state are many; Lamar University, Lamar State College-Orange, Lamar State College-Port Arthur, and the Lamar Institute of Technology provide excellent educational opportunities for our citizens, and the Sabine-Neches ship channel, with its deep water ports, and the region's many other assets contribute significantly to economic development presently taking place within the state; and

**WHEREAS**, The people of Jefferson and Orange Counties have been building a vibrant, forward-reaching region, and it is a pleasure to recognize the public-spirited citizens from the Golden Triangle for their dedication and commitment to their communities; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby proclaim February 25 through 27, 2007, Golden Triangle Days at the Capitol and welcome the region's visitors to Austin; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the citizens of the Golden Triangle as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 26, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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