

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 880

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce was created in 1977 to provide professional support, business information, and representation to the Hispanic business community in Houston; and

WHEREAS, Its primary goal in the 1970s and 1980s was to become a viable business organization and a reliable source of business information for the Hispanic community; its programs continued to expand in the 1980s and 1990s, and the chamber became a stronger advocate for local Hispanic businesses and the growing Hispanic workforce; and

WHEREAS, In the 1990s, the chamber addressed the issues of sustainable growth opportunities in a competitive marketplace and direct access to large contracts in the public and private sectors; it recruited more members and sought leaders who represented a wider spectrum of business activities; and

WHEREAS, By 1996, its membership had grown to embrace more than 1,000 members, including Hispanic women business owners; and

WHEREAS, Through the expansion of its membership and its members' increased economic expertise, the chamber began to attract more corporate sponsors and gain recognition from city and state government and other local and national organizations; the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has played significant roles in the success of minority-owned businesses in Houston; and

WHEREAS, During the last decade, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has become a primary gateway for welcoming international business to Houston; with its members' successes locally and internationally, the Hispanic chamber has played an integral role in Houston's growing reputation as an international trade partner with countries such as Mexico, Colombia, and Argentina; and

WHEREAS, The Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is a valuable and effective business resource for minority-owned businesses in Houston and a conduit for its members and for outside organizations seeking to do business with the Hispanic community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend members of the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for their many contributions to progress in the Houston business community and extend to them congratulations on the noteworthy occasion of the chamber's 30th anniversary; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Gallegos

President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate