

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The year 2009 marks the 100th anniversary of the  
2 Chamber of Commerce in Commerce, Texas, and this milestone provides  
3 a welcome opportunity to pay tribute to this admirable  
4 organization; and

5           WHEREAS, On an August night in 1909, a group of Commerce  
6 businessmen gathered at the Knights of Pythias Hall at the request  
7 of Sterling Hart, publisher of the *Commerce Journal*; Hart's idea  
8 was to form a group to help boost commercial opportunities in the  
9 local area, and his colleagues were enthusiastic about the idea;  
10 that night, the Commerce Board of Trade was founded, and the  
11 organization later changed its name to the Commerce Chamber of  
12 Commerce; and

13           WHEREAS, In the decades that followed its creation, the  
14 organization's forward-thinking members helped shepherd the town's  
15 ongoing growth and assisted local citizens in benefiting from new  
16 opportunities; the chamber also took a proactive stance in meeting  
17 challenges such as those posed by the Great Depression and urged  
18 residents to work together to achieve a brighter future; and

19           WHEREAS, In more recent times, the Commerce chamber welcomed  
20 the arrival of new industries to the area and has continued its  
21 efforts to build beneficial links between local entrepreneurs;  
22 moreover, the group has been a tireless promoter of the city's many  
23 positive characteristics, including its excellent educational  
24 institutions and outstanding quality of life; and

1           WHEREAS, The chamber has had a succession of productive  
2 leaders throughout its history; today, that tradition of service is  
3 continued by the officers and directors who oversee the initiatives  
4 that are carried out by the organization's 300 members; and

5           WHEREAS, Great changes have taken place over the course of  
6 the past century, but the Commerce Chamber of Commerce has remained  
7 steadfast in its mission, and its members may take great pride in  
8 the group's rich history and many achievements; now, therefore, be  
9 it

10           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate the Commerce Chamber of Commerce on  
12 its 100th anniversary and extend to the chamber and its members  
13 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

14           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for the Commerce Chamber of Commerce as an expression of  
16 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 225

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 225 was adopted by the House on February 18, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House