

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Valley Business Exchange in McAllen and other South
2 Texas chapters of Business Network International are commemorating
3 International Networking Week February 2 through 6, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, This annual event celebrates the key role that
5 networking plays in the development and success of commercial
6 ventures throughout the world; and

7 WHEREAS, By sharing ideas, contacts, and referrals, sales and
8 marketing professionals build a vital foundation for success, and
9 the significance of this process is reflected in the growth and
10 popularity of networking organizations; for instance, more than
11 100,000 people in 40 countries are members of Business Network
12 International, and BNI has over 400 participants in South Texas
13 alone; and

14 WHEREAS, Through networking groups, entrepreneurs have
15 access to meetings where they can meet potential customers and
16 others who can help grow their businesses; in addition, members are
17 able to attend beneficial workshops and trade shows, and they can
18 use the organization's information resources to increase their
19 knowledge and skills; and

20 WHEREAS, The prosperity of the Lone Star State depends in
21 part on the creation of vibrant and productive business
22 communities; networking contributes to that process by offering
23 Texans outstanding opportunities for professional growth and
24 fellowship, and this important factor in the state's economy is

1 indeed deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize February 2 through 6, 2009, as
4 International Networking Week and commend all those affiliated with
5 the McAllen and South Texas chapters of Business Network
6 International for their contributions to local commerce.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 233 was adopted by the House on
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