

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For 20 years, the Greater Houston Partnership has  
2 played a vital role in the prosperity of the Houston metropolitan  
3 area, and under the leadership of president and CEO Jeff Moseley and  
4 board chair Daniel Bellow, it continues to be an indispensable  
5 champion for the region's economic interests; and

6           WHEREAS, The partnership was founded in 1989 as a merger of  
7 the Houston Chamber of Commerce, the Houston Economic Development  
8 Council, and the Houston World Trade Center; it acts as the chief  
9 advocate for the Houston business community and serves the counties  
10 of Austin, Waller, Fort Bend, Harris, Brazoria, Galveston,  
11 Chambers, Liberty, Montgomery, and San Jacinto; among the  
12 partnership's 2,000 member companies are small and mid-sized  
13 businesses, as well as Fortune 500 corporations; and

14           WHEREAS, Partnership programs foster local businesses and  
15 encourage investment and relocation by companies from around the  
16 world by offering assistance with real estate searches, site  
17 selection, the planning and permitting process, and public  
18 relations; and

19           WHEREAS, An outgrowth of the partnership's 10-year strategic  
20 plan, Opportunity Houston is a \$40 million, five-year project to  
21 create 600,000 jobs in the region and to attract investment in the  
22 aviation and aerospace, medical and biotechnology, energy,  
23 information technology, and nanotechnology sectors; and

24           WHEREAS, In July 2008, the Houston metropolitan area was

1 cited as the number one place in the nation to live, work, and play  
2 by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine; President Moseley,  
3 Chairman Bellow, and all the members of the partnership may take  
4 great pride in this accolade; and

5 WHEREAS, Through hard work, imagination, and dedication, the  
6 Greater Houston Partnership and its regional allies continue to  
7 build the area's economic prosperity and to ensure that Texas  
8 remains a leader in job creation and commerce in the 21st century;  
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
11 Legislature hereby recognize the Greater Houston Partnership for  
12 its outstanding contributions to the economy of the Houston  
13 metropolitan area and that its officers, staff, and members be  
14 extended best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for the Greater Houston Partnership as an expression of  
17 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 237

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 237 was adopted by the House on  
February 5, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House