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H.R. No. 237

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.