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H.R. No. 624

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Chemical Council and the Association of  
2 Chemical Industry of Texas are sponsoring Texas Chemicals Day at  
3 the State Capitol on February 26, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, The chemical industry directly employs more than  
5 75,000 people in Texas; it also employs indirectly some half a  
6 million Texans, including contractors, suppliers, distributors,  
7 and other support personnel; in addition, it contributes to the  
8 state's economy by paying over \$1 billion in state and local taxes  
9 and more than \$6 billion in salaries and benefits; and

10 WHEREAS, Texas is the nation's largest chemical producer, and  
11 chemicals are the Lone Star State's top export; the \$35 billion in  
12 chemicals exported from Texas each year represents more than 20  
13 percent of the state's total exports; and

14 WHEREAS, The Texas Chemical Council was organized in 1953 and  
15 holds the distinction of being the country's first trade  
16 association representing the common interests of industry members  
17 at the state level; ACIT includes manufacturers and suppliers  
18 working as a united industry; both TCC and ACIT address such issues  
19 as energy policy, environmental protection, taxes, and workforce;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, A vital component in myriad consumer items,  
22 chemicals are used in the manufacture of such diverse products as  
23 airplanes, automobiles, pharmaceuticals, computers, electronics,  
24 clothing fibers, solar panels, light bulbs, and high-performance

1 building materials, and Texas Chemicals Day promotes awareness  
2 about the importance of chemistry and chemical products in our  
3 everyday lives; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
5 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2009, as Texas Chemicals  
6 Day at the State Capitol and extend best wishes to the Texas  
7 Chemical Council and the Association of Chemical Industry of Texas  
8 for a memorable and successful event.