

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 join the citizens of Jefferson and Orange Counties in the
3 celebration of Golden Triangle Days at the State Capitol on March 1
4 to 3, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 300 visitors from throughout the Golden
6 Triangle, the energy-rich and culturally unique region of Southeast
7 Texas formed by the cities of Beaumont, Orange, and Port Arthur,
8 have come to Austin to meet with elected officials and
9 representatives of various state agencies to express appreciation
10 for work already done on behalf of the region as well as to
11 communicate with lawmakers about opportunities to further
12 strengthen the state and its respective communities; and

13 WHEREAS, Residents of Orange and Jefferson Counties have
14 gathered for this and other activities in order to work together
15 effectively and cohesively for the good of their region and the
16 great State of Texas; to that end, the chambers of commerce of
17 Beaumont, Bridge City, Groves, Nederland, Orange, Port Arthur, Port
18 Neches, and Vidor have combined forces to identify and address
19 relevant issues with a single voice; and

20 WHEREAS, The area chambers of commerce work closely with
21 Jefferson and Orange Counties, along with their respective cities,
22 other taxing entities, business organizations, and the community at
23 large to recognize the needs and concerns of the entire citizenry
24 with its great diversity and varying socioeconomic levels; and

1 WHEREAS, Orange and Jefferson Counties were devastated by
2 Hurricane Ike on September 13, 2008, just three years after
3 Hurricane Rita tore a similar path of destruction through the
4 region, but the counties have made great strides to recover and
5 continue with the \$15 to \$20 billion of industrial expansion and
6 growth devoted to supplying the energy needs of the State of Texas
7 and the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, The distinctive cultural and historic contributions
9 of this proud region are highlighted by numerous museums and
10 tourist attractions and are matched only by the region's economic
11 contributions featuring America's Energy Gateway, the deepwater
12 ports and terminals of the Sabine-Neches Waterway, Lamar
13 University, Lamar State College-Orange, Lamar State College-Port
14 Arthur, the Lamar Institute of Technology, and many other assets
15 that significantly affect the growth and health of the state; and

16 WHEREAS, The people of Orange and Jefferson Counties have
17 been building a vibrant, forward-reaching region, and it is a
18 pleasure to acknowledge the public-spirited citizens from the
19 Golden Triangle here today for their dedication and commitment to
20 their communities and our great state; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize March 1 to 3, 2009, as Golden Triangle
23 Days at the State Capitol and warmly welcome the region's visitors
24 to Austin.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 668

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 668 was adopted by the House on March 2, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House