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H.R. No. 668

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.