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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives takes great
2 pleasure in joining the delegation of Leadership Southeast Texas
3 members who represent 120 Southeast Texas businesses,
4 organizations, and governmental entities in recognizing March 23,
5 2009, as Leadership Southeast Texas Day at the State Capitol; and

6 WHEREAS, Leadership Southeast Texas is a regional
7 educational nonprofit corporation serving the region that includes
8 Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, and
9 Tyler Counties and the Bolivar Peninsula of Galveston County; and

10 WHEREAS, Founded in 1992, Leadership Southeast Texas
11 identifies and motivates leaders in the Southeast Texas region and
12 provides opportunities for leadership development and networking
13 among decision makers and stakeholders, while contributing to
14 regional economic advancement; and

15 WHEREAS, This exemplary program boasts an impressive
16 membership of 770 graduates who currently reside and work in 87
17 cities across Texas, in 23 states, and in Europe, Iraq, China, and
18 Panama; these alumni continue to serve as ambassadors for Southeast
19 Texas and the entire Lone Star State; and

20 WHEREAS, Leadership Southeast Texas promotes a better
21 understanding of communities in Southeast Texas by identifying and
22 studying timely issues that are significant to ongoing area
23 business development and by encouraging innovative approaches to
24 those issues; the program also encourages professional interaction

1 and communication with our state's prominent leaders; and

2 WHEREAS, In today's globalized society, communities are
3 increasingly impacted by national and international economic
4 forces, making it even more essential to stay fully informed and be
5 actively involved; local communities are often on the front lines
6 of change, and input is especially valuable as we work to establish
7 the foundations for future progress; because events and needs are
8 too often greater than one city or county can address alone, we must
9 view our opportunities, and our challenges, on a regional and
10 statewide basis if we are to progress; and

11 WHEREAS, The interdependence of communities in Southeast
12 Texas has been demonstrated by the continuing impact from Hurricane
13 Rita in 2005 and Hurricane Humberto in 2006, and most recently by
14 Hurricane Ike's catastrophic results in 2007; for the Southeast
15 Texas of the future to continue to grow and thrive, it is imperative
16 that communities appreciate how they support each other and succeed
17 together as a region and as a state; and

18 WHEREAS, Leadership Southeast Texas Day in Austin provides an
19 opportunity for alumni and new graduates to gather at the Capitol to
20 celebrate the achievements of Southeast Texas, and it is a
21 privilege to recognize these civic-minded men and women for their
22 substantial contributions to the betterment of Texas on the
23 program's 17th anniversary; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
25 Legislature hereby recognize March 23, 2009, as Leadership
26 Southeast Texas Day at the State Capitol and extend to the members
27 of the visiting delegation best wishes for a productive and

1 celebratory day and for continued success in their endeavors to
2 build collaborations among the current and future leaders of this
3 great Southeast Texas region; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the participants in Leadership Southeast Texas as an
6 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.