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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The High Ground of Texas is celebrating its 20th
- 2 anniversary in 2009, and this occasion presents a fine opportunity
- 3 to celebrate the goals and achievements of this noteworthy
- 4 organization; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Developed in 1988, the High Ground is a regional
- 6 marketing coalition dedicated to creating economic opportunity in
- 7 West Texas by bringing new industry and prosperity to the region;
- 8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, The coalition's 75 members include cities and
- 10 communities ranging in population from less than 5,000 to more than
- 11 250,000, as well as counties, regional utilities, chambers of
- 12 commerce, and economic development corporations; and
- WHEREAS, High Ground provides a variety of invaluable
- 14 services to businesses interested in investing in West Texas,
- 15 including location and site information, demographic data, access
- 16 to funding sources, and information on community tax incentives;
- 17 and
- WHEREAS, Skillfully led by executive director Lorie Vincent,
- 19 the coalition is supported by a 15-person board made up of
- 20 Foundation Members, Gold Members, Council of Governments
- 21 representatives, and eight at-large members; and
- 22 WHEREAS, For two decades, the High Ground of Texas has
- 23 actively worked to encourage growth and opportunity for the
- 24 citizens and communities of West Texas, and it is a pleasure to

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- 1 commend the members of the coalition for their contributions to
- 2 furthering the prosperity of this vital region of the Lone Star
- 3 State; now, therefore, be it
- 4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
- 5 Legislature hereby congratulate the High Ground of Texas on its
- 6 20th anniversary and extend to its members and staff sincere best
- 7 wishes for continued success; and, be it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 9 prepared for the organization as an expression of great regard by
- 10 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1584 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House