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H.R. No. 1584

R E S O L U T I O N

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

13 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

18 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

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.