

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 867

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Houston-Area Women's Business Enterprise Alliance, which is hosting its 12th Annual Expo at the Reliant Center in Houston May 20 and 21, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Created to help women entrepreneurs expand their businesses through strategic alliances with diversity-minded corporations and public agencies, the Women's Business Enterprise Alliance has more than 650 members across 94 counties in our state; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding organization provides scholarship opportunities, business enhancement seminars, and other resources that are vital to the continued success of businesses owned by women; and

WHEREAS, The 12th Annual Expo will feature more than 150 exhibitors and will welcome some 1,500 attendees; with a theme of "Seeds to Opportunity," it will be the region's premier networking event for connecting women business owners with corporate and governmental partners seeking qualified, diverse suppliers; and

WHEREAS, This exemplary group is truly deserving of recognition for its exceptional efforts to promote equality and diversity in the business climate of our state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the Houston-Area Women's Business Enterprise Alliance on its ongoing efforts to help women business owners enter into productive partnerships and extend best wishes for a successful 12th Annual Expo; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for this distinguished organization as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Whitmire

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate