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H.R. No. 192

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Representatives of the East End Chamber of Commerce  
2 in Houston are visiting the State Capitol on January 25, 2011, and  
3 the occasion provides an opportunity to recognize this culturally  
4 significant and economically dynamic community; and

5           WHEREAS, The history of the East End began a decade before the  
6 founding of Houston itself, when the town of Harrisburg was  
7 surveyed in 1826; it served both as a shipping center for early  
8 Texas colonies and briefly as the capital of the Republic of Texas  
9 in 1836; though the Mexican Army burned down all but one house in  
10 the town later that year, it was quickly rebuilt and in the  
11 mid-1800s became the site of the first railroad terminal in the  
12 state; Houston annexed Harrisburg in 1926; and

13           WHEREAS, Today, the East End is the proud home of the Port of  
14 Houston, one of the nation's foremost ports for international trade  
15 and one of the largest port facilities in the world; and

16           WHEREAS, The Strategic Vision for the East End, completed in  
17 2006 by the East End Chamber of Commerce and its partner  
18 organizations and stakeholders, recognized six priorities:  
19 economic development, educational resources, history, image,  
20 infrastructure, and parks and neighborhoods; and

21           WHEREAS, Guided by these priorities, the chamber of commerce  
22 and its partners have already made remarkable progress;  
23 accomplishments include the initiation of a National Engineering  
24 Academy at Chavez High School, the creation of two Port of Houston

1 Maritime Academies, which opened at Stephen F. Austin and Jack  
2 Yates High Schools in August 2009, and the establishment of an  
3 Economic Development Division to nurture current ventures and draw  
4 new investment to the area; and

5 WHEREAS, The leadership and initiative of the East End  
6 Chamber of Commerce have helped make this proud Texas community an  
7 even better place to live and work, and the chamber merits special  
8 commendation for its achievements; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize January 25, 2011, as East End Chamber  
11 of Commerce Day at the State Capitol and extend to participants  
12 sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and productive visit to  
13 Austin; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for the East End Chamber of Commerce as an expression of  
16 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.