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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Jefferson and Orange Counties are
2 gathering in Austin on February 28 through March 1, 2011, to
3 celebrate Golden Triangle Days at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Hundreds of visitors from throughout this
5 energy-rich and culturally unique part of Southeast Texas have come
6 to Austin to express appreciation to elected officials and
7 representatives of state agencies and to inform lawmakers of
8 opportunities to further strengthen these communities; and

9 WHEREAS, Jefferson and Orange County residents have gathered
10 for this and other special events to work together for the good of
11 their region and of the State of Texas; to that end, the chambers of
12 commerce from Beaumont, Bridge City, Groves, Nederland, Orange,
13 Port Arthur, Port Neches, and Vidor have adopted unified positions
14 on relevant business issues; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to their respective cities, these
16 chambers of commerce work closely with the counties of Jefferson
17 and Orange, other taxing entities, business organizations, and the
18 community at large to create a thriving business climate for the
19 entire Golden Triangle, with its great diversity and varying
20 socioeconomic levels; and

21 WHEREAS, Jefferson and Orange Counties continue to recover
22 from Hurricanes Rita and Ike and to make great strides toward
23 industrial expansion devoted to supplying the energy needs of the
24 state and nation; and

1 WHEREAS, This proud region's distinctive contributions to
2 the history and culture of Texas are highlighted by numerous
3 tourist attractions and matched only by its contributions to the
4 economy; known as America's Energy Gateway, the area is home to the
5 deepwater ports in Beaumont, Orange, Port Arthur, and Sabine Pass;
6 it is also home to such fine educational institutions as Lamar
7 University, Lamar State College--Orange, Lamar State College--Port
8 Arthur, and the Lamar Institute of Technology, as well as many other
9 assets that significantly affect the growth and economic health of
10 the state; and

11 WHEREAS, The forward-looking people of the Golden Triangle
12 are building a vibrant future, and these public-spirited citizens
13 indeed merit special commendation for their diligence and
14 achievements; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize February 28 through March 1, 2011, as
17 Golden Triangle Days at the State Capitol and extend to the
18 participants sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful
19 stay in Austin.