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H.R. No. 1020

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce are
2 visiting the State Capitol on March 29, 2011, and this occasion
3 provides a welcome opportunity to pay tribute to this outstanding
4 community organization and the city it serves; and

5 WHEREAS, The Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce traces its
6 history to 1965, when 75 members of the local Lions Club gathered to
7 discuss economic and industrial development and realized the need
8 for a permanent chamber; the group was officially founded on April
9 18 of the following year; and

10 WHEREAS, In the decades since, the Burleson Chamber has
11 played a central role in the life of the city; in addition to
12 sponsoring ongoing events and programs to benefit area businesses,
13 the chamber undertakes various community projects, charity
14 fund-raisers, and other initiatives to further Burleson's
15 prosperity and to make it an even better place to live and work; and

16 WHEREAS, The rapid growth of the Burleson area has made the
17 organization's work all the more valuable; the city's population
18 has increased by 75 percent since 2000, which is a testament to its
19 vibrant character and also an indication of the outstanding
20 opportunities available to companies and entrepreneurs; and

21 WHEREAS, Despite its robust expansion, the city retains its
22 historic hometown feel, and a key element in its appeal is the Old
23 Town district; this neighborhood has been the focus of a recent
24 revitalization effort that has preserved its distinctive character

1 while achieving improvements in streetscape and building design;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Burleson also benefits from the presence of
4 exceptional educational resources, including the local campuses of
5 Texas Wesleyan University and Hill College; these institutions help
6 prepare residents for productive careers while ensuring that
7 skilled and knowledgeable workers are available for local
8 businesses; and

9 WHEREAS, With its many positive attributes, Burleson has
10 become a thriving area that is home to more than 36,000 residents of
11 North Texas, and the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce is indeed
12 deserving of recognition for the vital role it has played in this
13 Lone Star success story; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
15 Legislature hereby honor the members of the Burleson Area Chamber
16 of Commerce on the occasion of their visit to the State Capitol and
17 extend to them sincere best wishes for a productive visit to Austin;
18 and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for the chamber as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.