RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Members of Leadership Southeast Texas representing
- 2 more than 100 Southeast Texas businesses, organizations, and
- 3 governmental entities are visiting the State Capitol on March 28,
- 4 2011; and
- 5 WHEREAS, An educational nonprofit corporation serving the
- 6 region that includes Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty,
- 7 Newton, Orange, and Tyler Counties and the Bolivar Peninsula of
- 8 Galveston County, Leadership Southeast Texas was founded in 1992 to
- 9 identify and motivate leaders in the area and provide opportunities
- 10 for leadership development and networking among decision makers and
- 11 stakeholders, as well as contribute to regional economic
- 12 advancement; and
- 13 WHEREAS, This exemplary program boasts an impressive
- 14 membership of 898 graduates who currently reside and work in 101
- 15 cities across Texas, 26 states, and Europe, Iraq, China, and Panama
- 16 and who serve as ambassadors for Southeast Texas and the entire Lone
- 17 Star State through more than 512 business affiliations; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Leadership Southeast Texas promotes a better
- 19 understanding of communities in the area by identifying and
- 20 studying timely issues that are significant to ongoing business
- 21 development and by encouraging innovative approaches to those
- 22 issues and professional interaction and communication with
- 23 prominent state leaders; and
- 24 WHEREAS, In today's global society, communities are

- 1 increasingly impacted by national and international economic
- 2 forces, making it even more essential to stay fully informed and
- 3 involved; local communities are often on the front lines of change,
- 4 and input is especially valuable as citizens work to establish the
- 5 foundations for future progress; by viewing opportunities and
- 6 challenges on a regional and statewide basis, individual cities and
- 7 counties can often more successfully address them; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The interdependence of the communities of Southeast
- 9 Texas has been demonstrated by the continuing impact from
- 10 Hurricanes Rita, Humberto, and Ike in 2005, 2007, and 2008;
- 11 moreover, in a region whose natural and energy resources play such
- 12 major roles in the national and world economies, it is even more
- 13 imperative that communities appreciate how they support each other;
- 14 and
- WHEREAS, Recognizing that the future of the region will be
- 16 determined by its young people, the group launched Youth Leadership
- 17 Southeast Texas in 2011; this new initiative is a call to civic
- 18 action that strives to encourage the development of leadership
- 19 skills in diverse student populations and to increase understanding
- 20 between students from different schools and communities; and
- 21 WHEREAS, With 94 participants from 34 high schools in 10
- 22 counties, plus 40 faculty liaisons and 75 regional business
- 23 members, the day-long inaugural Youth Conference enabled students
- 24 to learn important leadership skills and ended with each school's
- 25 students choosing a community project that they will implement as a
- 26 way to improve the quality of life in their hometowns; and
- 27 WHEREAS, For 19 years, Leadership Southeast Texas Day has

- 1 provided an opportunity for alumni and new members to celebrate the
- 2 achievements of Southeast Texas, and it is a privilege to recognize
- 3 these civic-minded men and women for their substantial
- 4 contributions to the betterment of the Lone Star State; now,
- 5 therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 7 Legislature hereby recognize March 28, 2011, as Leadership
- 8 Southeast Texas Day at the State Capitol and extend to the members
- 9 of the visiting delegation best wishes for a productive and
- 10 celebratory day and for continued success in all their endeavors;
- 11 and, be it further
- 12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 13 prepared for the participants in Leadership Southeast Texas as an
- 14 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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I	certify	that	H.R.	No.	1038	was	adopted	by	the	House	on	March
11,	by a no	n-rec	cord v	ote.								

Chief Clerk of the House

H.R. No. 1038

28, 2011, by a non-record vote.