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R E S O L U T I O N

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

15         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.