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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Burleson Rotary Club and delegates
2 with the Open World Program from Ukraine are visiting the Texas
3 State Capitol on April 21, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Established by Congress in 1999, the Open World
5 Program aims to enhance capabilities for cooperation between the
6 United States and the countries of Eurasia and the Baltic States by
7 developing a network of leaders in that region who have gained
8 significant, firsthand exposure to America's democratic,
9 accountable government and free-market system and by providing
10 American hosts with the opportunity to learn about the countries
11 from those leaders; and

12 WHEREAS, Rotary Clubs across the nation have hosted more than
13 2,500 Open World participants through the years, sponsoring
14 projects that are designed to have relevance to the professional or
15 civic work of the individuals involved; the delegates here today
16 include a director of a charitable organization, the deputy
17 director of an advocacy organization, two city planners, a
18 journalist, and a student, all who work with governmental agencies
19 and elected officials in Ukraine, and the visit to Austin offers
20 them the chance to observe and experience Texas state government in
21 action; and

22 WHEREAS, In addition to its sponsorship of this worthwhile
23 initiative, the Burleson Rotary Club annually awards more than
24 \$12,000 in scholarships to deserving students, donates

1 dictionaries to more than 600 local third graders, and supports
2 such important programs as Meals-on-Wheels, Burleson Pregnancy Aid
3 Center, Harvest House, and Heart for the Kids; and

4 WHEREAS, The Burleson Rotary Club and the Open World Program
5 are helping to develop more informed and involved citizens while
6 strengthening the bonds that unite our nations, and the men and
7 women who contribute to this effort are to be commended; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
10 Legislature hereby welcome members of the Burleson Rotary Club and
11 distinguished honored guests from the Open World Delegation from
12 Ukraine to the Texas State Capitol and extend to all those in
13 attendance best wishes for an informative and memorable day in
14 Austin; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
16 for the visitors as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
17 of Representatives.