

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 449

WHEREAS, The Texas Chemical Council and the Association of Chemical Industry of Texas are sponsoring Texas Chemicals Day at the State Capitol on March 9, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The chemical industry directly employs more than 70,000 people in Texas; it also employs indirectly some half a million Texans, including contractors, suppliers, distributors, and those who provide other support services; in addition, the industry contributes to the state's economy by paying over \$1 billion in state and local taxes and more than \$6 billion in salaries and benefits; and

WHEREAS, Texas is the nation's largest chemical producer, and chemicals are the Lone Star State's second-largest export; the \$30.9 billion in chemicals exported from Texas last year represent more than 20 percent of the state's total exports; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Chemical Council was organized in 1953 and holds the distinction of being the country's first trade association representing the common interests of industry members at the state level; the Association of Chemical Industry of Texas includes manufacturers and suppliers working as a united industry, and both organizations address such issues as energy policy, environmental protection, taxes, and workforce; and

WHEREAS, A vital component in myriad consumer items, chemicals are used in the manufacture of such diverse products as airplanes, automobiles, pharmaceuticals, computers, electronics, clothing fibers, solar panels, light bulbs, and high-performance building materials, and Texas Chemicals Day promotes awareness about the importance of chemistry and chemical products in our everyday lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby recognize March 9, 2011, as Texas Chemicals Day at the State Capitol and extend best wishes to the Texas Chemical Council and the Association of Chemical Industry of Texas for a memorable and successful event; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared to commemorate Texas Chemicals Day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 7, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate