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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 January 29,
4 2013; 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 to provide
10 opportunities for leadership development and networking among
11 decision makers and stakeholders, as well as to contribute to
12 regional economic advancement; and

13 WHEREAS, This exemplary program boasts an impressive
14 membership of 1,021 graduates who currently reside and work in 142
15 cities across Texas, 25 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 500 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 initiative is a call to civic action
18 that strives to encourage the development of leadership skills in
19 diverse student populations and to increase understanding between
20 students from different schools and communities; and

21 WHEREAS, YLSET conferences have drawn more than 200
22 participants from 34 high schools in the nine-county region, plus a
23 number of faculty liaisons and LSET regional business members; the
24 daylong events have enabled students to learn important leadership
25 skills and ended with each school's students choosing a community
26 project that they will implement as a way to improve the quality of
27 life in their hometowns; and

1 WHEREAS, For two decades, Leadership Southeast Texas Day has
2 provided an opportunity for alumni and new members to celebrate the
3 achievements of Southeast Texas, and it is a privilege to recognize
4 these civic-minded men and women for their substantial
5 contributions to the betterment of the Lone Star State; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize January 29, 2013, as Leadership
9 Southeast Texas Day at the State Capitol and extend congratulations
10 to the members of the visiting delegation on the 20th anniversary of
11 this outstanding organization; 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.