

By: Reynolds

H.R. No. 491

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Fort Bend Leadership Forum are
2 visiting the State Capitol on February 20, 2013, to gain further
3 insight into the workings of state government; and

4 WHEREAS, Organized in 1987 by the Fort Bend Chamber of
5 Commerce, this outstanding program fosters community stewardship
6 and volunteerism; the forum welcomes individuals from the areas of
7 business, labor, religion, and government, including members of
8 civic and nonprofit associations and minority groups, and seeks to
9 hone their leadership skills, as well as to equip them with a deeper
10 understanding of how their community functions; and

11 WHEREAS, Training sessions, which begin in August and
12 continue through May, focus on such varied subjects as criminal
13 justice, diversity, health and social services, infrastructure and
14 economic development, municipal and county government, and state
15 and national government; facilitators emphasize the importance of
16 teamwork and collaboration and highlight the opportunities and
17 challenges facing the Fort Bend area; and

18 WHEREAS, This year's forum is being coordinated by Keri
19 Schmidt, Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce president and CEO, and by
20 Emily Rhodes and Jeff Tallas, Leadership Forum vice chairs, with
21 the assistance of Ray Aguilar and Trey Reichert, Leadership Forum
22 advisors; and

23 WHEREAS, Through its efforts to foster a more informed and
24 engaged citizenry, the Fort Bend Leadership Forum is helping to

1 build a bright and promising future for this fast-growing area of
2 the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize February 20, 2013, as Fort Bend
5 Chamber Leadership Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those
6 associated with the Fort Bend Leadership Forum sincere best wishes
7 for a meaningful and memorable visit to Austin; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the Leadership Forum as an expression of high regard by
10 the Texas House of Representatives.