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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Leaders from the Kharkiv region in Ukraine are
2 visiting the State Capitol on this day, February 26, 2013, to forge
3 stronger ties and greater understanding between our two great
4 areas; and

5 WHEREAS, Our guests here today include Kharkiv Governor
6 Mikhail Dobkin, Lieutenant Governor Yuriy Sapronov, member of
7 parliament Victor Bondar, advisor to the governor Vadim Averbuch,
8 and director of the Department for Agricultural Development of the
9 Kharkiv Oblast State Administration Vitaliy Panov; and

10 WHEREAS, A culturally and historically rich province in
11 northeastern Ukraine, the Kharkiv region leads industrial and
12 agricultural innovation in the country; the area has a wealth of
13 natural resources, primarily natural gas, as well as oil, coal, and
14 other important minerals, and has thus become a key fuel and energy
15 center of Ukraine; Kharkiv region also boasts impressive
16 manufacturing, ranging from machine tool construction to radio
17 electronics to pharmaceuticals; moreover, because of its location
18 at the crossroads of Eastern Europe and its well-planned
19 infrastructure, it is a hub of international as well as national
20 trade, transportation, and communication; and

21 WHEREAS, Building on these economic advantages, the Kharkiv
22 region has also made important investments in education; the
23 province has over 200,000 students in more than 80 state and private
24 institutions of higher learning, and the region's medical

1 establishments employ and train many thousands of medical
2 professionals; in addition, the advances made in Kharkiv research
3 institutes have contributed to scientific progress around the
4 globe; and

5 WHEREAS, The citizens of Texas and the Kharkiv region share a
6 common entrepreneurial drive, and the visit of these leaders is an
7 excellent opportunity to develop connections and forge mutually
8 beneficial relationships between our two prosperous states; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
11 Legislature hereby welcome Governor Mikhail Dobkin, Lieutenant
12 Governor Yuriy Sapronov, Victor Bondar, Vadim Averbuch, and Vitaliy
13 Panov to the State Capitol and extend to them sincere best wishes
14 for an enjoyable and productive visit to Texas.