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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 February 26, 2013 to forge stronger
3 ties and greater understanding between our two great areas; and

4 WHEREAS, Our guests here today include Kharkiv Governor
5 Mikhail Dobkin, Lieutenant Governor Yuriy Sapronov, and member of
6 parliament Victor Bondar; and

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

18 WHEREAS, Building on these economic advantages, the Kharkiv
19 region has also made important investments in education; the
20 province has over 200,000 students in more than 80 state and private
21 institutions of higher learning, and the region's medical
22 establishments employ and train many thousands of medical
23 professionals; in addition, the advances made in Kharkiv research
24 institutes have contributed to scientific progress around the

1 globe; and

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

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
8 Legislature hereby welcome Governor Mikhail Dobkin, Lieutenant
9 Governor Yuriy Sapronov, and Victor Bondar, to the State Capitol
10 and extend to them sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and
11 productive visit to Texas.