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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Jefferson and Orange Counties are
2 gathering in Austin on March 3-5, 2013, to celebrate Golden
3 Triangle Days at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Hundreds of visitors from throughout this
5 energy-rich and culturally unique region, anchored by the cities of
6 Beaumont, Orange, and Port Arthur, have come to meet with state
7 officials to express appreciation for their work and to inform
8 lawmakers of opportunities to further strengthen these
9 communities; and

10 WHEREAS, With more than \$20 billion worth of recent and
11 upcoming energy-related investments, Jefferson and Orange Counties
12 are making significant strides toward meeting the energy and
13 chemical manufacturing needs of the state, country, and world; the
14 area is home to the nation's largest oil refinery and to the
15 Sabine-Neches Waterway, the fourth-largest ship channel in the
16 country in tonnage and a vital asset to both the regional economy
17 and the national energy and military transportation network; in
18 addition to supporting the area's major ports, the waterway links
19 to an extensive rail and pipeline system that supplies fuel to
20 communities far and wide; and

21 WHEREAS, The educational needs of the Golden Triangle are met
22 by such fine institutions as Lamar University, Lamar State
23 College--Orange, Lamar State College--Port Arthur, and the Lamar
24 Institute of Technology, as well as many other education and

1 training resources that provide the area with a workforce-ready
2 population; and

3 WHEREAS, Reflecting its distinctive contributions to the
4 history and culture of Texas, this proud region boasts a number of
5 popular tourist attractions, including the Texas Energy Museum, the
6 Art Museum of Southeast Texas, and Gator Country Adventure Park,
7 and each spring the city of Beaumont hosts the South Texas State
8 Fair; those looking to explore the natural wonders of the area can
9 enjoy the sights and recreational activities of the Shangri La
10 Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, the Big Thicket National
11 Preserve, and the McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge; and

12 WHEREAS, The public-spirited citizens of the Golden Triangle
13 are at work building a bright future for their region, and it is
14 indeed a pleasure to acknowledge their dedicated efforts in behalf
15 of their communities and the state at large; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize March 3-5, 2013, as Golden Triangle
18 Days at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
19 delegation.