

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Garland Chamber of Commerce are
2 visiting the State Capitol on March 5, 2013, and this occasion
3 provides a welcome opportunity to pay tribute to this outstanding
4 community organization and the city it serves; and

5 WHEREAS, For more than 115 years, the Garland chamber has
6 worked to ensure the economic vitality of Garland; when the city
7 needed to broaden its economic base beyond agriculture in the
8 mid-20th century, the chamber recruited a variety of companies that
9 have since expanded to become such world-famous enterprises as
10 General Dynamics Corporation, Raytheon Company, Hatco Corporation,
11 and Kraft Foods Group, Inc., and KARLEE and Garrett Metal
12 Detectors, which grew from shops in garages to internationally
13 renowned industry leaders, are among the nearly 400 manufacturing
14 enterprises located in Garland today; and

15 WHEREAS, The Garland chamber is the creator of a variety of
16 programs to support small businesses, manufacturing companies,
17 retail firms, and the local education system, acting on the
18 principle that success in each of these areas depends on success in
19 all of them; the chamber is the founder of the BEST Education
20 Foundation and the first chamber of commerce to host an office of
21 the Small Business Development Center, and it has actively
22 participated in the development of the Dallas County Manufacturers'
23 Association, the Women's Business E-nitiative, and Leadership
24 Garland; and

1 WHEREAS, Garland has become the fifth largest city in the
2 Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and one of the fastest growing regions
3 in the nation, home to more than 236,000 residents and rated in the
4 top 100 best places in the country in which to live by CNN and *Money*
5 magazine in 2008; the chamber is an essential member of the Garland
6 Economic Development Partnership, which has been responsible for
7 the creation and retention of 19,000 jobs and a \$1.5 billion tax
8 base in the city; and

9 WHEREAS, Operating under the acronym PRIDE, for Passion,
10 Respect, Integrity, Discipline, and Excellence, the Garland
11 Chamber of Commerce has been a dynamic and inspiring "connecting
12 source" in its community, and it is indeed deserving of recognition
13 for the vital role it has played in this Lone Star success story;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize March 5, 2013, as Garland Chamber of
17 Commerce Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
18 delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable visit
19 to Austin.

Button
Burkett

Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

H.R. No. 676

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 676 was adopted by the House on March 5, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House