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H.R. No. 676

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.