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H.R. No. 707

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A delegation from the Republic of Azerbaijan is  
2 visiting the State Capitol on March 6, 2013, and it is indeed a  
3 pleasure to welcome these distinguished representatives from a  
4 valued partner in international commerce; and

5 WHEREAS, One of the world's oldest oil producers, Azerbaijan  
6 maintains strong ties to the Lone Star State through the energy  
7 industry; the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic has  
8 operations in Houston, and the many Texas-based companies operating  
9 in Azerbaijan include such major corporations as Exxon Mobil  
10 Corporation, Halliburton Company, and KBR, Inc.; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2012, nearly a quarter of all U.S. exports to  
12 Azerbaijan came from Texas, including more than \$120 million in  
13 machinery, chemicals, fabricated metal products, and electronics;  
14 in turn, Azerbaijani exports to Texas, mostly mineral fuels and  
15 oils, exceeded \$36 million; and

16 WHEREAS, The State of Texas and the Republic of Azerbaijan  
17 have long enjoyed a dynamic and mutually beneficial economic  
18 relationship, and this vibrant trade alliance will continue to  
19 enhance prosperity and make important contributions to the global  
20 economy in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
22 Legislature hereby welcome the delegation from Azerbaijan to Texas  
23 and extend to its members sincere best wishes for a memorable and  
24 rewarding visit to this state.