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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce are
2 visiting the State Capitol on March 19, 2013, and this occasion
3 provides a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to this outstanding
4 organization and the city it serves; and

5 WHEREAS, The Burleson Chamber traces its history to 1965,
6 when 75 members of the Lions Club came together to discuss economic
7 and industrial development and realized the need for a permanent
8 organization; the chamber was officially founded on April 18 of the
9 following year; and

10 WHEREAS, In the years since, the Burleson Chamber has played
11 a leading role in the life of the city, sponsoring ongoing events
12 and programs to benefit local businesses, as well as supporting
13 charity fund-raisers and other community initiatives to make
14 Burleson an even better place to live, work, and play; and

15 WHEREAS, One of the fastest growing cities in the Dallas/Fort
16 Worth Metroplex, Burleson boasts a population of 38,000, with
17 290,000 people living within a 10-mile radius; nearly 1,500 acres
18 are available for economic expansion within the city limits, and
19 the soon-to-be-completed Chisholm Trail Parkway and the redesign of
20 Wilshire Boulevard will further enhance the city's transportation
21 infrastructure; and

22 WHEREAS, The Burleson Independent School District includes 3
23 high schools, 2 middle schools, and 10 elementary schools, many of
24 which have been rated as Recognized or Exemplary by the Texas

1 Education Agency, and Burleson is also home to one of the leading
2 private colleges in the state, Texas Wesleyan University, as well
3 as Hill College, a dynamic community college; and

4 WHEREAS, The two retail complexes at the north and south ends
5 of the town make a comprehensive selection of goods and services
6 available to shoppers, and Burleson's historic Old Town district
7 offers residents and visitors alike opportunities for
8 entertainment and dining in handsomely restored buildings that
9 evoke the city's past; and

10 WHEREAS, Members of the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce
11 have contributed greatly to the quality of life across their
12 region, and they are indeed worthy of special recognition for their
13 dedication to their hometown; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
15 Legislature hereby honor the members of the Burleson Area Chamber
16 of Commerce on the occasion of their visit to the State Capitol and
17 extend to them sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable
18 stay in Austin.