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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Distinguished foreign ambassadors taking part in
2 the U.S. State Department's Experience America program are
3 visiting the State Capitol on May 14, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Capricia Marshall, chief of
5 protocol of the United States, Experience America introduces
6 ambassadors posted in Washington, D.C., to cities and neighborhoods
7 across the nation, showcasing life in the United States outside the
8 Beltway; and

9 WHEREAS, The program helps to build relationships, encourage
10 investment and trade, and foster dialogue between the ambassadors
11 and government, business, cultural, and academic leaders in the
12 communities they visit; these interactions play a vital role in
13 strengthening the bonds between the United States and other
14 countries and encourage, in President Barack Obama's words, "new
15 beginnings based on mutual respect and understanding"; and

16 WHEREAS, Since the inception of Experience America four years
17 ago, members of the diplomatic corps have traveled to Alaska,
18 Atlanta, Arkansas, Chicago, New Orleans, Los Angeles, and Wyoming;
19 these trips have yielded tangible results benefiting the United
20 States and countries abroad, including the development by Delta
21 Airlines of a direct flight from Atlanta to South Africa, the
22 signing of a memorandum of cooperation between a Lithuanian
23 business delegation and the Port of New Orleans, and the visit of an
24 Iraqi delegation to Chicago to discuss trade opportunities; and

1 WHEREAS, By sharing America's richly diverse cultures and
2 communities, Experience America provides the chiefs of diplomatic
3 missions a deeper understanding of our country's values,
4 traditions, and history, and it is hoped that as a result of this
5 program, the links between this state and the nations represented
6 here today will multiply and flourish in the years ahead; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
9 Legislature hereby welcome these distinguished ambassadors to the
10 State Capitol and extend to them sincere best wishes for a most
11 rewarding and enjoyable visit; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
13 for the ambassadors as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.