

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 382

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is proud to join the citizens of Jefferson and Orange Counties in the joyous celebration of Golden Triangle Days at the State Capitol on March 4 and 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of visitors from throughout the energy-rich and culturally unique region of Southeast Texas formed by the cities of Beaumont, Orange, and Port Arthur have come to Austin to meet with elected officials and representatives of state agencies to express appreciation for their actions on behalf of the region as well as to inform lawmakers of opportunities to further strengthen their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson and Orange County residents have gathered for this and other special events and activities in order to work together for the good of their region and the great State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, To that end, the chambers of commerce from Beaumont, Bridge City, Groves, Nederland, Orange, Port Arthur, Port Neches, and Vidor have adopted unified positions on relevant business issues with a single voice; and

WHEREAS, The area chambers of commerce work closely with the Counties of Jefferson and Orange, along with their respective cities, other taxing entities, business organizations, and the community at large to create an excellent business climate for the entire citizenry with its great diversity and varying socioeconomic levels; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson and Orange Counties continue to recover from Hurricane Ike, which struck on September 13, 2008, and have made great strides with the more than \$15 billion of industrial expansion and growth devoted to supplying the energy needs of the State of Texas and the nation; and

WHEREAS, The distinctive cultural and historic contributions of this unique region are highlighted by numerous tourist attractions and are matched only by the region's economic contributions, which include America's Energy Gateway, the deepwater ports of Beaumont, Orange, Port Arthur, and Sabine Pass, and the private terminals along the Sabine-Neches Waterway; the region's educational institutions include Lamar University, Lamar State College--Orange, Lamar State College--Port Arthur, and the Lamar Institute of Technology; these and the region's many other assets also contribute significantly to the growth and health of the state; and

WHEREAS, The people of Orange and Jefferson Counties have been building a vibrant, forward-reaching region, and it is a pleasure to acknowledge the public-spirited citizens from the Golden Triangle for their dedication and commitment to their communities and this great state; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby recognize March 4 and 5, 2013, as Golden Triangle Days at the Capitol and welcome the region's visitors to Austin; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Golden Triangle Days at the Capitol in 2013.

Williams, Nichols

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 4, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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