

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 484

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The Burleson Independent School District includes three high schools, two middle schools, and 10 elementary schools, many of which have been rated as Recognized or Exemplary by the Texas Education Agency, and Burleson is also home to one of the leading private colleges in the state, Texas Wesleyan University, as well as Hill College, a dynamic community college; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby honor the members of the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of their visit to the State Capitol and extend to them sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Birdwell, Davis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 19, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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