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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of Leadership Southeast Texas are gathering  
2 at the State Capitol on February 3, 2015, to celebrate the  
3 achievements of their region; and

4           WHEREAS, An educational and charitable corporation,  
5 Leadership Southeast Texas serves Chambers, Hardin, Jasper,  
6 Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, and Tyler Counties, along with  
7 the Bolivar Peninsula of Galveston County; it was founded in 1992 to  
8 identify and motivate leaders in the region and to provide  
9 opportunities for leadership development and networking among  
10 decision makers and stakeholders while contributing to economic  
11 advancement; and

12           WHEREAS, This exemplary program has an impressive business  
13 member network of more than 1,100 graduate members who currently  
14 reside and work around Texas and the world; through nearly 550  
15 business affiliations, they continue to serve as ambassadors for  
16 Southeast Texas and the entire Lone Star State; and

17           WHEREAS, Leadership Southeast Texas identifies and studies  
18 issues of significance to area business development, and it  
19 encourages innovative approaches to these issues; moreover, it  
20 promotes professional interaction and communication with state  
21 leaders; and

22           WHEREAS, In today's globalized society, communities are  
23 increasingly affected by national and international economic  
24 forces; local communities are often on the front lines of change,

1 and input is especially valuable to establish the foundations for  
2 future progress; however, events and needs are often greater than  
3 one city or county can address alone, and the leadership group  
4 fosters a regional and statewide perspective; such an approach is  
5 particularly vital in Southeast Texas, where natural and energy  
6 resources play major roles in the national and global economies,  
7 and where the impact from Hurricanes Rita, Humberto, and Ike  
8 continues to be felt; and

9       WHEREAS, The future of the region will be determined by its  
10 young people, and in 2011, the organization launched the Youth  
11 Leadership Southeast Texas program to provide sustainable  
12 development of leadership skills and civic engagement in diverse  
13 student populations; day-long conferences sharpen skills and allow  
14 participants to choose community projects to implement in their  
15 hometowns; today, the youth program counts 400 graduates from 10  
16 counties; and

17       WHEREAS, Representing 115 businesses, organizations, and  
18 governmental entities, the members of Leadership Southeast Texas  
19 are champions of regional prosperity, and it is indeed fitting to  
20 recognize their substantial contributions to this state; now,  
21 therefore, be it

22       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby recognize February 3, 2015, as Leadership  
24 Southeast Texas Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting  
25 delegation sincere best wishes for a productive and enjoyable time  
26 in Austin; and, be it further

27       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Leadership Southeast Texas as an expression of high  
2 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.