

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Hundreds of civic-minded residents of Beaumont,
2 Orange, Port Arthur, and other communities in Jefferson and Orange
3 Counties are visiting Austin on March 1-3, 2015, to promote the
4 advancement of their region during Golden Triangle Days at the
5 State Capitol; and

6 WHEREAS, A strategically important source of energy and
7 chemical manufactured products, the Golden Triangle refines about
8 13 percent of the nation's gasoline daily, including 60 percent of
9 its commercial jet fuel and the majority of its military jet fuel;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The region is served by the Sabine Neches Waterway,
12 which ranks fourth in the nation for total tonnage and supports a
13 large percentage of the nation's petrochemical industry; it is the
14 nation's top commercial military out-load port and the first in
15 crude oil imports, and on June 10, 2014, the federal government
16 authorized an improvement project that will deepen the channel to
17 48 feet, enhancing the global competitiveness of this key gateway;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The Golden Triangle is also linked to an extensive
20 rail and pipeline system; construction has been completed on a
21 pipeline from Oklahoma to Jefferson County, and with over \$21
22 billion in announced new economic development projects and another
23 \$24 billion under consideration, the region has become an
24 increasingly vital contributor to the economic prosperity of the

1 state; and

2 WHEREAS, The area's population has access to such notable
3 institutions of higher education as Lamar University, Lamar State
4 College-Orange, Lamar State College-Port Arthur, and the Lamar
5 Institute of Technology; moreover, a number of training programs
6 are available to ensure the preparedness of the workforce;
7 residents further benefit from unique cultural and environmental
8 sites, among them Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center,
9 Big Thicket National Preserve, and coastal habitats such as Sea Rim
10 State Park and the McFadden National Wildlife Refuge, which also
11 draw many tourists; and

12 WHEREAS, Public-spirited residents of Jefferson and Orange
13 Counties are working together to build a bright, prosperous future
14 for their region, and it is indeed fitting to honor their steadfast
15 commitment to the betterment of their communities and of the Lone
16 Star State; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize March 1-3, 2015, as Golden Triangle
19 Days at the State Capitol and extend to all those participating
20 sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in
21 Austin.

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Allen	Guerra	Paddie
Alonzo	Guillen	Parker
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Paul
Anchia	Harless	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Phillips
Ashby	Howard	Pickett
Aycock	Huberty	Price
Bell	Hughes	Raney
Bernal	Hunter	Raymond
Blanco	Isaac	Reynolds
Bohac	Israel	Riddle
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Travis
Burns	Keough	Romero, Jr.
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Button	King of Parker	Sanford
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Clardy	Klick	Schubert
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
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Dale	Leach	Smithee
Darby	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Springer
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Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
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Elkins	McClendon	Tinderholt
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Fallon	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
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Farney	Miles	VanDeaver
Farrar	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White of Bell
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Galindo	Murphy	Workman
Geren	Murr	Wray
Giddings	Naishtat	Wu
Goldman	Nevárez	Zedler
Gonzales	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 645

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 645 was adopted by the House on March 2, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House