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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.