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H.R. No. 692

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Fort Bend Global Initiative has been engaged in
2 a notable effort to enhance the prosperity of the Fort Bend region
3 by promoting imports, exports, and educational and economic
4 development exchanges with international partners; and

5 WHEREAS, This unique initiative was conceived by Fort Bend
6 County Judge Bob Hebert in 2009 as the Fort Bend County Friendship
7 Committee, which was formed in 2010; the following year, a
8 delegation led by Judge Hebert traveled to the city of Foshan,
9 China, where they signed a mutually beneficial sister community
10 agreement; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2012, this successful program was rechristened
12 the Fort Bend Global Initiative and established as a nonprofit
13 headed by chairperson Allison Wen and an all-volunteer board of
14 directors; that same year, Judge Hebert, Ms. Wen, and other leaders
15 from the county traveled again to Foshan, where they renewed their
16 partnership; and

17 WHEREAS, In the years since, members of the initiative have
18 traveled to the Republic of Turkey, where they have forged strong
19 ties with the cities of Ankara, Adana, Kocaeli, and Kahramanmaras;
20 these bonds of friendship with China and Turkey have also resulted
21 in comprehensive educational exchanges with both the Lamar
22 Consolidated and Fort Bend Independent School Districts, enabling
23 the students of the Fort Bend region to learn about other countries
24 and cultures; and

1 WHEREAS, Fort Bend County Day at the State Capitol is an
2 appropriate occasion to recognize Judge Hebert, Chairperson Wen,
3 and the members of the Fort Bend Global Initiative for their vision
4 and leadership in creating this important and far-reaching program;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor the Fort Bend Global Initiative for its
8 contributions to Fort Bend County and extend to Judge Hebert,
9 Chairperson Wen, and the other members of the board sincere best
10 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the initiative as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.