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H.R. No. 702

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce is
2 celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2016; and

3 WHEREAS, The chamber was founded in 1916 to foster economic
4 growth and serve as a voice for the business community; the
5 organization's early advocacy was instrumental in the construction
6 of a seawall to avert flooding, as well as in the creation of the
7 Port of Corpus Christi in 1926; today, the port ranks as the sixth
8 largest in the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, Soon after its establishment, the chamber
10 recognized the importance of tourism, and it bought land that was
11 later used for the city's first golf course; before World War II,
12 members of the organization began persuading military and
13 government officials to build a base in the area, and the Corpus
14 Christi Naval Air Station opened in 1941; and

15 WHEREAS, Over the years, the chamber has enhanced
16 recreational opportunities for tourists and residents alike
17 through its endeavors in behalf of the area's natural resources; it
18 has supported the conservation of the Padre Island National
19 Seashore and Mustang Island State Park and the establishment of the
20 Texas State Aquarium for the study of plants and animals native to
21 the Gulf of Mexico; and

22 WHEREAS, While assisting in business recruitment and serving
23 the needs of small businesses, the chamber has also been involved in
24 numerous projects in recent years; it played a key role in winning

1 voter approval to raise the JFK Causeway over the Packery Channel,
2 and it promoted the repair of the seawall and the expansion of the
3 Convention Center; in addition, it has advanced such causes as the
4 Harbor Bridge, Interstate Highway 37, the Wesley Seale and Choke
5 Canyon Dams, and the merger of Texas A&M University with Corpus
6 Christi State University; and

7 WHEREAS, The Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce has greatly
8 benefited the city and the region over the course of its long
9 history, and it is indeed appropriate to recognize its outstanding
10 contributions to the Coastal Bend community as it marks this
11 significant milestone; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate the Corpus Christi Chamber of
14 Commerce on its centennial and extend to its members sincere best
15 wishes for continued success in their important work; and, be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the chamber as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.