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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Garland Chamber of Commerce are  
2 visiting the State Capitol, and this occasion provides a welcome  
3 opportunity to pay tribute to this outstanding community  
4 organization and the city it serves; and

5 WHEREAS, For more than 120 years, the Garland chamber has  
6 worked to ensure the economic vitality of Garland; when the city  
7 needed to broaden its economic base beyond agriculture in the  
8 mid-20th century, the chamber recruited a variety of companies that  
9 have since expanded to become such world-famous enterprises as  
10 General Dynamics Corporation, Raytheon Company, Hatco Corporation,  
11 and Kraft Foods Group, Inc., and KARLEE and Garrett Metal  
12 Detectors, which grew from shops in garages to internationally  
13 renowned industry leaders, and are among the nearly 400  
14 manufacturing enterprises located in Garland today; and

15 WHEREAS, The Garland chamber is the creator of a variety of  
16 programs to support small businesses, manufacturing companies,  
17 retail firms, and the local education system, acting on the  
18 principle that success in each of these areas depends on success in  
19 all of them; the chamber is the founder of the Garland Education  
20 Foundation and the first chamber of commerce to host an office of  
21 the Small Business Development Center, and it has actively  
22 participated in the development of the Dallas County Manufacturers'  
23 Association, the Women's Business E-nitiative, and Leadership  
24 Garland; and

1           WHEREAS, Garland has become the fifth largest city in the  
2 Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and one of the fastest growing regions  
3 in the nation, home to nearly 235,000 residents and rated among the  
4 top 100 best places in the country in which to live by CNN and *Money*  
5 magazine in 2008; the chamber is an essential member of the Garland  
6 Economic Development Partnership, which has been responsible for  
7 the creation and retention of more than 18,000 jobs and a \$1.8  
8 billion tax base in the city; and

9           WHEREAS, Operating under the acronym PRIDE, for Passion,  
10 Respect, Integrity, Discipline, and Excellence, the Garland  
11 Chamber of Commerce has been a dynamic and inspiring "connecting  
12 source" in its community, and it is indeed deserving of recognition  
13 for the vital role it has played in this Lone Star success story;  
14 now, therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby recognize Garland Chamber of Commerce Day at the  
17 State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best  
18 wishes for a meaningful and memorable visit to Austin.