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H.R. No. 1188

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The CITGO Corpus Christi Refinery is celebrating its
2 80th anniversary on April 15, 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, Since its opening in 1935, the refinery has played a
4 vital role in its community, where today it employs more than a
5 thousand people and generates an annual average of \$345 million in
6 economic activity; and

7 WHEREAS, CITGO has further benefited the city through its
8 dedication to corporate philanthropy; over the past decade, the
9 refinery and its employees have contributed more than \$5.8 million
10 in behalf of 37 local charities through donations to the United Way
11 of the Coastal Bend, and in 2014, employees volunteered over 4,000
12 hours with community organizations; moreover, in 2012, CITGO
13 launched the Hands for Hillcrest Grant Program, which supports
14 initiatives that foster education, job skills, health care, and the
15 environment in the Hillcrest community; and

16 WHEREAS, Strongly committed to promoting educational
17 opportunity in the region, the refinery has awarded more than 170
18 scholarships to area students through the Corpus Christi
19 Caller-Times/CITGO South Texas Distinguished Scholars program, and
20 it has collaborated in establishing the First in Family program,
21 which presents scholarships to local students who are the first in
22 their family to graduate from high school; in addition, the
23 refinery partners with the Foy H. Moody High School Innovation
24 Academy to encourage students to pursue careers in the fields of

1 science, technology, engineering, and math; and

2 WHEREAS, Throughout the past eight decades, the CITGO Corpus
3 Christi Refinery has made a substantial contribution to the Texas
4 economy while giving back to its community in myriad ways, and this
5 occasion presents a welcome opportunity to recognize the role it
6 plays in advancing the prosperity of Corpus Christi and the Lone
7 Star State; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 80th anniversary of the CITGO
10 Corpus Christi Refinery and extend to all those associated with the
11 refinery sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the CITGO Corpus Christi Refinery as an expression of
14 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.