## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 248

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome the members of the Garland Chamber of Commerce who are visiting the State Capitol on February 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Garland Chamber of Commerce has been diligently working to advance the economic, industrial, professional, and civic welfare of Garland for more than 120 years; and

WHEREAS, In addition to recruiting companies that have grown to become large-scale business enterprises, the chamber has supported small businesses and created programs that have led to a successful education system; it is the first chamber to host a Small Business Development Center and is the founder of the Garland Education Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The fifth largest city in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, Garland has been rated among the top 100 best places to live in the United States; as a member of the Garland Economic Development Partnership, the Garland Chamber of Commerce has helped create and retain more than 18,000 jobs and a \$1.8 billion tax base in the city; and

WHEREAS, The Garland Chamber of Commerce has played a pivotal role in the development of a diverse economy; members of the chamber remain committed to improving the lives of area residents, and they can justifiably be proud of their many achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize February 25, 2015, as Garland Chamber of Commerce Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation best wishes for a memorable visit to Austin; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the chamber as a memento of this special occasion.

Huffines, Hall

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate