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H.R. No. 537

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of  
2 Commerce are visiting the State Capitol on February 28, 2017, in  
3 celebration of the 10th anniversary of their organization's  
4 founding; and

5           WHEREAS, Established in December 2007, the GHWCC is one of  
6 the nation's fastest-growing women's chambers, with approximately  
7 1,000 member businesses; the organization is committed to the  
8 governor's goal of making Texas the country's top state for  
9 women-owned businesses, and to that end, it provides numerous  
10 opportunities for women to build business relationships and to  
11 enhance leadership skills and career progress; the chamber has  
12 implemented such initiatives as the Regional Outreach and Smart  
13 Start for Women Entrepreneurs, and its Houston On Board program  
14 serves as a resource for corporations seeking to identify  
15 successful women to serve on corporate and private boards; and

16           WHEREAS, The GHWCC works in behalf of the next generation of  
17 women business leaders through mentorship, and it partners with  
18 numerous area school districts; every year, it presents  
19 scholarships to two female graduates from each of these districts,  
20 and it hosts Love What You Do events to offer young women valuable  
21 job-shadowing placements with entrepreneurs and business  
22 executives; moreover, its STEAM Town USA program encourages  
23 third-grade girls to pursue interests in science, technology,  
24 engineering, arts, and math careers; and

1           WHEREAS, Recognizing a vital need, the chamber formed its  
2 Women's Health Network Committee to unite health professionals in  
3 furthering education, research, and advocacy; its IGNITE program  
4 serves as a platform to improve health care by developing  
5 relationships and generating innovative solutions; dedicated to  
6 expanding business opportunities, it sponsors global trade  
7 missions and such initiatives as the International Women's Chamber  
8 of Commerce, Partnering in the Community, and the inaugural  
9 International Conference for Women; and

10           WHEREAS, Over the past decade, the Greater Houston Women's  
11 Chamber of Commerce has been dedicated to the advancement and  
12 empowerment of women in business, and in so doing, it has  
13 contributed significantly to prosperity throughout the region;  
14 now, therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby congratulate the Greater Houston Women's  
17 Chamber of Commerce on its 10th anniversary and extend to its  
18 members sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
19 further

20           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for the chamber as an expression of high regard by the  
22 Texas House of Representatives.