

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Civic-minded residents of Beaumont, Orange, Port
2 Arthur, and other communities in Jefferson and Orange Counties are
3 visiting Austin March 5-7, 2017, to celebrate Golden Triangle Days
4 at the State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, A strategically important source of energy and
6 chemical manufactured products, the Golden Triangle refines about
7 13 percent of the nation's gasoline daily, including 60 percent of
8 its commercial jet fuel and the majority of its military jet fuel;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The region is served by the Sabine Neches Waterway,
11 which ranks fourth in the United States for total tonnage and
12 supports a large percentage of the nation's petrochemical industry;
13 it is the country's top commercial military out-load port and the
14 first in crude oil imports, and on June 10, 2014, the federal
15 government authorized an improvement project that will deepen the
16 channel to 48 feet, enhancing the global competitiveness of this
17 key gateway; and

18 WHEREAS, The Golden Triangle is also linked to an extensive
19 rail and pipeline system; construction has been completed on a
20 pipeline from Oklahoma to Jefferson County, and with over \$3
21 billion in announced new economic development projects and another
22 \$20 billion under consideration, the region has become an
23 increasingly vital contributor to the economic prosperity of the
24 state; and

1 WHEREAS, The area's population has access to such notable
2 institutions of higher education as Lamar University, Lamar State
3 College-Orange, Lamar State College-Port Arthur, and the Lamar
4 Institute of Technology; moreover, a number of training programs
5 are available to ensure the preparedness of the workforce;
6 residents further benefit from unique cultural and environmental
7 sites, among them Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center,
8 Big Thicket National Preserve, and coastal habitats such as Sea Rim
9 State Park and the McFadden National Wildlife Refuge, which also
10 draw many tourists; and

11 WHEREAS, Public-spirited residents of Jefferson and Orange
12 Counties are working together to build a vibrant, prosperous future
13 for their region, and it is indeed fitting to honor their dedication
14 and commitment to the betterment of their communities and of the
15 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize March 5-7, 2017, as Golden Triangle
18 Days at the State Capitol and extend to all those participating
19 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.

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Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 652

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 652 was adopted by the House on March 6, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House