

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A delegation from the Houston East End Chamber of
2 Commerce is visiting the Capitol City on March 6 and 7, 2017, and
3 this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to recognize the
4 organization for its many accomplishments; and

5 WHEREAS, Predating the founding of the city of Houston, the
6 East End can trace its origins to the 1820s, when New York
7 entrepreneur John Harris established Harrisburg at the
8 intersection of Braes and Buffalo Bayous; after briefly serving as
9 the capital of the Republic of Texas, the town was annexed by
10 Houston in 1926; today, the East End remains a location of great
11 importance as the proud home of the Port of Houston, one of the
12 nation's foremost ports for international trade and one of the
13 largest port facilities in the world; and

14 WHEREAS, The Houston East End Chamber of Commerce was founded
15 in 1991 to ensure the economic prosperity of the area; guided by
16 this central goal, the chamber hosts a wide range of programs and
17 events that encourage new commercial ventures and support existing
18 businesses, including luncheons, seminars, committee meetings,
19 golf tournaments, and an annual awards celebration; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2006, the chamber created the Strategic Vision
21 for the East End, which identified six key priorities: economic
22 development, educational resources, history, image,
23 infrastructure, and parks and neighborhoods; the chamber and its
24 partners have since made outstanding progress, establishing an

1 Economic Development Division in 2009 and the East End Street Fest
2 in 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, Dedicated to equipping the next generation with the
4 knowledge and skills necessary to succeed, the chamber has awarded
5 \$250,000 in scholarships over the past decade; moreover, the
6 organization started a half-day Education Symposium and helped
7 organize Port of Houston Maritime Academies at Stephen F. Austin
8 and Jack Yates High Schools as well as a National Engineering
9 Academy at Chavez High School; and

10 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the East End Chamber of
11 Commerce has worked to enhance the business environment of Houston
12 by providing excellent opportunities for networking, promotion,
13 and education, and in so doing, the group has significantly
14 contributed to the economic vitality of Southeast Texas; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce
18 for its exemplary efforts in behalf of the East End community and
19 the surrounding area and extend to its membership sincere best
20 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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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. 721

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 721 was adopted by the House on March 7, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House