

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The year 2017 marks the 80th anniversary of the  
2 founding of the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce; and

3           WHEREAS, This vital organization traces its roots back to as  
4 early as 1906, when a number of local residents began working  
5 together to establish a junior college, develop an airport and a  
6 deep-water port, and foster stronger economic ties with Mexico; the  
7 group constructed its first office building in 1927 and earned its  
8 charter as the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce in July 1937; and

9           WHEREAS, Since its inception, the nonprofit has remained  
10 committed to its mission of promoting local economic growth through  
11 advocacy, leadership, and business-building initiatives, and today  
12 it boasts more than 700 business memberships; and

13           WHEREAS, The chamber has additionally benefited the  
14 community by founding numerous events, programs, and institutions,  
15 including Charro Days, the Sombrero Festival, the Mr. Amigo  
16 Association, the Brownsville Convention and Visitors Bureau,  
17 Leadership Brownsville, Brownsville Crime Stoppers, and Healthy  
18 Communities of Brownsville; moreover, its support was instrumental  
19 in the creation of Texas Southmost College, the Port of  
20 Brownsville, the Brownsville South Padre Island International  
21 Airport, and the Brownsville Economic Development Council; and

22           WHEREAS, In 2016, the chamber was selected by the U.S. Small  
23 Business Administration to host the Women's Business Center of  
24 Cameron County; one of five such organizations in the Lone Star

1 State, the center is dedicated to enabling and empowering female  
2 entrepreneurs through programs and services focused on advocacy,  
3 education, support, and outreach; and

4 WHEREAS, The Brownsville Chamber of Commerce has  
5 demonstrated a long-standing commitment to furthering prosperity  
6 in this South Texas community, and its members may indeed reflect  
7 with great pride on the contributions the organization has made  
8 over the past eight decades; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby commemorate the 80th anniversary of the  
11 Brownsville Chamber of Commerce and extend to its members sincere  
12 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for the chamber as an expression of high regard by the  
15 Texas House of Representatives.

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Lucio III

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. 772

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 772 was adopted by the House on March 8, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House