

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The observance of National Travel and Tourism Week
2 from May 7 to 13, 2017, provides a welcome opportunity to recognize
3 the significant contributions that local tourist agencies such as
4 the Pearland Convention and Visitors Bureau make to the prosperity
5 of their communities; and

6 WHEREAS, One of the largest private-sector employers in the
7 United States, the travel industry supported 15.1 million jobs in
8 2015, including 8.1 million people who work directly in travel, as
9 well as 6.9 million people who work in other fields; foreign and
10 domestic tourists generated \$2.1 trillion in economic output in
11 2015, with nearly \$950 billion of that amount coming from the
12 travelers themselves; and

13 WHEREAS, Tourism is likewise one of the biggest industries in
14 the Lone Star State; in 2015, that sector of the economy generated
15 \$68.7 billion in direct travel spending and \$6.2 billion in state
16 and local tax revenues and supported 1.1 million jobs; and

17 WHEREAS, The city of Pearland has benefited greatly from this
18 bounty, thanks in large part to the efforts of its convention and
19 visitors bureau in attracting and assisting tourists and convention
20 attendees; guests of the city spent \$129 million in 2015, and this
21 economic activity supported 1,200 jobs and brought in \$4.6 million
22 in sales and occupancy taxes; and

23 WHEREAS, The tourism sector plays a vital role in the success
24 and vibrancy of the State of Texas, and organizations like the

1 Pearland Convention and Visitors Bureau are essential to the
2 strength of this important industry; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor the staff of the Pearland Convention and
5 Visitors Bureau on the occasion of National Travel and Tourism Week
6 and extend to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the Pearland Convention and Visitors Bureau as an
10 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Thompson of Brazoria

H.R. No. 1468

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1468 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House