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H.R. No. 1468

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.