

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 Alvin Convention and Visitors Bureau make to the prosperity of
5 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 specifically in the travel sector and
9 6.9 million in related fields; that same year, foreign and domestic
10 tourists in this country spent nearly \$950 billion and generated,
11 altogether, \$2.1 trillion in economic output; and

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

16 WHEREAS, The city of Alvin has shared in this abundance,
17 thanks in large measure to the efforts of its convention and
18 visitors bureau to attract and assist tourists and convention
19 attendees; one notable sign of the bureau's success is the growth
20 of hotel and sales tax revenue, which mirrors the increase in the
21 number of visitors; in 2015, more than 70,000 out-of-towners
22 enjoyed Alvin over the course of spring break alone, and major
23 spring festivals drew thousands of participants; the economic
24 benefits deriving from this influx of visitors are felt throughout

1 the community; and

2 WHEREAS, The tourism sector plays a critical role in
3 sustaining the vitality of the Lone Star State, and organizations
4 such as the Alvin Convention and Visitors Bureau are essential to
5 the strength of this important industry; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor the staff of the Alvin Convention and
8 Visitors Bureau on the occasion of National Travel and Tourism Week
9 and extend to all those associated with the bureau sincere best
10 wishes for the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the Alvin Convention and Visitors Bureau as an
13 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Thompson of Brazoria

H.R. No. 1586

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1586 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House