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H.R. No. 2208

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Deep East Texas Council of Governments and
2 Economic Development District is marking the beginning of a
3 yearlong 50th anniversary celebration on May 25, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, In November 1966, approximately 55 local government
5 officials and leaders began the process of creating the Deep East
6 Texas Economic Development District under the provisions of the
7 Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965; their goal was to
8 promote orderly growth and beneficial development in the Deep East
9 Texas counties of Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton,
10 Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and
11 Tyler; and

12 WHEREAS, The members of the new organization unanimously
13 elected as president Senator Charles Wilson, a former state
14 representative who would go on to serve in the United States House
15 of Representatives; organizational meetings continued during 1967,
16 and the district hired an executive director in August of that year
17 and then opened its first office; the following year, it also became
18 a Regional Planning Commission under the laws of the State of Texas,
19 and in 1972, it adopted its present name; and

20 WHEREAS, Since its inception, DETCOG has facilitated
21 community and economic development while formulating effective
22 solutions to meet a wide variety of challenges; it has played a
23 critical role in addressing concerns related to affordable housing,
24 aging and disability services, public safety and emergency

1 response, disaster recovery, information and referral services,
2 volunteerism, transportation, and the environment; and

3 WHEREAS, Over the past half century, DETCOG has made a
4 profound and positive impact on the quality of life in Deep East
5 Texas, and it is indeed fitting that its outstanding contributions
6 be recognized as it marks this significant milestone in its
7 history; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the Deep East Texas Council of
10 Governments and Economic Development District on its 50th
11 anniversary and extend to all those associated with the
12 organization sincere best wishes for continued success in their
13 important work; and, be it further

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