## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 301

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of the organization's 10th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Founded in December of 2007, the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit organization that seeks to advance and empower women and to cultivate the next generation of women leaders; since its establishment, the chamber has become the fastest-growing women's chamber in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Through specialized committee work, the chamber is able to take a multi-level approach to supporting women in the community; among its many priorities, the chamber seeks to provide a unified voice on legislative issues that affect women in business, open doors for economic leadership opportunities for women, establish international partnerships, and provide a regional network for women in health care industries; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to support future generations of leaders, the chamber has partnered with the Aldine, Conroe, Cy-Fair, Dickinson, Fort Bend, Goose Creek, Houston, Spring, and Spring Branch Independent School Districts to facilitate mentorship programs and scholarship opportunities for emerging leaders and to encourage young women to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce is aligned with Governor Greg Abbott's goal to make Texas the number one state in the nation for women-owned businesses; it serves as

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a base for approximately 1,000 member businesses, and it connects countless community leaders, philanthropists, visionaries, and members of the Greater Houston workforce with each other; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend all members of the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce for their dedication to empowering women and strengthening their communities and congratulate them on 10 years of success; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the chamber as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Huffman

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 28, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate