

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 792

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Deep East Texas Council of Governments and Economic Development District for 50 years of outstanding service to the citizens of Deep East Texas; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1966, 55 local government leaders gathered to address the growth and development opportunities in Deep East Texas and the quality of life of residents; they began the process of creating the Deep East Texas Economic Development District, and the Honorable Charles Wilson was unanimously elected temporary chair and president of the newly formed organization; the district's first office opened in 1967; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, the district adopted the name of Deep East Texas Council of Governments and Economic Development District; the organization serves as a regional planning commission for the Deep East Texas region, which consists of Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties; and

WHEREAS, Over the last 50 years, the work of the Deep East Texas Council of Governments and Economic Development District has contributed greatly to the economic success of the 12-county region and has continually improved the quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, On May 25, 2017, the council is initiating a year-long anniversary celebration at its annual Membership and Awards Luncheon; the organization has had a positive impact on the services and environment of Deep East Texas and is indeed

deserving of recognition for helping the region and its residents to thrive; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend all associated with the Deep East Texas Council of Governments and Economic Development District for contributing to the vitality of East Texas and the state and extend to them congratulations on the organization's 50th anniversary; and, be it further

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

Nichols

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 16, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate