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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Beaumont, Orange, Port Arthur,  
2 and surrounding communities are gathering in Austin on February  
3 11-12, 2019, to celebrate Golden Triangle Days at the State  
4 Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, Situated on the Gulf Coast and western Louisiana  
6 border, amid low marshland, this region within Jefferson and Orange  
7 Counties is well known for its rich natural resources; in its early  
8 years, the area grew as an active riverport that served as a center  
9 for cattle raisers, farmers, lumber workers, and rice millers; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1901, the Spindletop oil gusher was discovered by  
11 Captain Anthony F. Lucas in Beaumont, and the region transformed  
12 virtually overnight; the discovery of oil and gas led to a boom in  
13 industry and wealth, and the area of land between the cities of  
14 Beaumont, Orange, and Port Arthur was deemed the Golden Triangle;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Along with its abundant resources, this dynamic  
17 region is also known for its strong industrial infrastructure,  
18 which includes the impressive ports of Beaumont and Port Arthur,  
19 high-capacity railways, and land-based highways; as a result, the  
20 Golden Triangle has become one of the largest refining and  
21 petrochemical hubs in the world, and it is associated with  
22 world-renowned corporations such as Chevron, ExxonMobil, and  
23 Texaco; and

24 WHEREAS, In recent years, there has been tremendous

1 international investment in the region from companies based in  
2 France, Canada, Austria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom,  
3 and the Netherlands; with an estimated \$54 billion in new  
4 investment, and a workforce that is committed to increasing  
5 production capacity, the Beaumont/Orange/Port Arthur area is  
6 experiencing its lowest unemployment rate in a decade; and

7 WHEREAS, The approximately 400,000 residents of the Golden  
8 Triangle have access to distinguished educational institutions,  
9 including Lamar University, Lamar State College-Orange, Lamar  
10 State College-Port Arthur, and the Lamar Institute of Technology;  
11 the public also benefits from the extraordinary landscape of  
12 Southeast Texas, which lends itself to various environmental  
13 tourism sites, such as Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature  
14 Center, the Big Thicket National Preserve, Sea Rim State Park, and  
15 the McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge; moreover, there are numerous  
16 historical and cultural attractions, including Beaumont's Crockett  
17 Street Entertainment District, Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown  
18 Museum, McFaddin-Ward House, Sabine Pass Battleground State  
19 Historic Site, and Museum of the Gulf Coast; and

20 WHEREAS, The public-spirited residents of Jefferson and  
21 Orange Counties are working together to recover from Hurricane  
22 Harvey and to take advantage of historic development opportunities,  
23 and it is indeed fitting to honor their dedication and commitment as  
24 they build a vibrant and prosperous future for their communities  
25 and the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
27 Legislature hereby recognize February 11-12, 2019, as Golden

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1 Triangle Days at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting  
2 delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay  
3 in Austin.