

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of the Greater Houston Black Chamber are  
2 gathering in Austin on February 25, 2019, for their legislative day  
3 at the State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, One of the oldest black chambers of commerce in the  
5 nation, the organization was founded by a group of prominent  
6 community leaders as the Houston Negro Chamber of Commerce in  
7 September 1935 to support, empower, and advocate for African  
8 American businesses in the city; the chamber established itself as  
9 a catalyst for positive change through its efforts to promote the  
10 economic mobility and overall welfare of Houston residents and  
11 through its involvement in such issues as fairer housing and  
12 employment practices; and

13           WHEREAS, Today, the Greater Houston Black Chamber is the  
14 premier organization for business development and partnership  
15 opportunities in the local African American community, which  
16 constitutes approximately 25 percent of the city's population; the  
17 GHBC supports African American small businesses in obtaining  
18 education and certification as well as in accessing contracting  
19 opportunities and capital, and it helps its partners and members  
20 identify and connect with other minority-owned businesses; the  
21 chamber currently maintains alliances with a host of major  
22 corporations, universities, and organizations in order to offer the  
23 best possible services; and

24           WHEREAS, For more than eight decades, the Greater Houston

1 Black Chamber has provided a forum for African American-owned  
2 businesses to grow and thrive, and its members may take pride in the  
3 proud tradition of excellence they have built; now, therefore, be  
4 it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize February 25, 2019, as Greater Houston  
7 Black Chamber Legislative Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm  
8 welcome to the delegation visiting on this day; and, be it further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for the chamber as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.

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Bonnen of Brazoria	Guerra	Oliverson
Allen	Guillen	Ortega
Allison	Gutierrez	Pacheco
Anchia	Harless	Paddie
Anderson	Harris	Parker
Ashby	Hefner	Patterson
Bailes	Hernandez	Paul
Beckley	Herrero	Perez
Bell of Kaufman	Hinojosa	Phelan
Bell of Montgomery	Holland	Price
Bernal	Howard	Ramos
Biedermann	Huberty	Raney
Blanco	Hunter	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Galveston	E. Johnson of Dallas	Rodriguez
Bowers	J. Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Buckley	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Bucy	Kacal	Rosenthal
Burns	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Burrows	King of Parker	Schaefer
Button	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Cain	Klick	Sheffield
Calanni	Krause	Sherman, Sr.
Canales	Kuempel	Shine
Capriglione	Lambert	Smith
Clardy	Landgraf	Smithee
Cole	Lang	Springer
Coleman	Larson	Stephenson
Collier	Leach	Stickland
Cortez	Leman	Stucky
Craddick	Longoria	Swanson
Cyrier	Lozano	Talarico
Darby	Lucio III	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Metcalf	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Meyer	Toth
Dominguez	Meza	Turner of Dallas
Dutton	Middleton	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miller	VanDeaver
Fierro	Minjarez	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Geren	Murphy	Wray
Gervin-Hawkins	Murr	Wu
Goldman	Neave	Zedler
González of Dallas	Nevárez	Zerwas
González of El Paso	Noble	Zwiener
Goodwin		

H.R. No. 134

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 134 was adopted by the House on February 26, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House