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H.R. No. 134

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.