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H.R. No. 480

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Garland Chamber of Commerce, together
2 with their partners at the City of Garland and Garland Independent
3 School District, are visiting the State Capitol on February 20 and
4 21, 2019, and this occasion provides a welcome opportunity to pay
5 tribute to these outstanding organizations and the city they serve;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, For more than 124 years, the chamber of commerce has
8 worked to ensure the economic vitality of Garland; the city needed
9 to broaden its economic base beyond agriculture in the mid-20th
10 century, and the creation of municipally owned utility company
11 Garland Power & Light provided the chamber with incentives
12 necessary to recruit such companies as General Dynamics
13 Corporation, Hatco Corporation, and Kraft Foods Group, Inc., which
14 are among the nearly 400 manufacturing enterprises located in
15 Garland today; and

16 WHEREAS, The nationally recognized, five-star accredited
17 Garland chamber is the creator of a variety of programs to support
18 small businesses, manufacturing companies, retail firms, and the
19 local education system, acting on the principle that success in
20 each of these areas depends on success in all of them; Garland was
21 the first chamber of commerce to host an office of the Small
22 Business Development Center to provide free small business
23 counseling, and it founded and maintains the Dallas County
24 Manufacturers' Association, the Women's Business E-nitiative, and

1 Leadership Garland; and

2 WHEREAS, Garland has become the fifth-largest city in the
3 Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and one of the fastest growing regions
4 in the nation, home to nearly 240,000 residents and an exceptional
5 school district, with eight Garland ISD campuses having been named
6 National Blue Ribbon Schools a total of 13 times; the chamber, city,
7 and school district, working together toward community
8 sustainability, are also formal partners in the Garland Economic
9 Development Partnership, which has been responsible for the
10 creation and retention of more than 18,000 jobs and a \$1.5 billion
11 tax base in the city; and

12 WHEREAS, Operating under the acronym PRIDE, for Passion,
13 Respect, Integrity, Discipline, and Excellence, the Garland
14 Chamber of Commerce lives up to its tagline, "The Connecting
15 Source," and it is indeed deserving of recognition for the vital
16 role it has played in this Lone Star success story; now, therefore,
17 be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
19 Legislature hereby recognize February 20 and 21, 2019, as Garland
20 Chamber of Commerce Days at the State Capitol and extend to the
21 visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and
22 memorable visit to Austin.