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H.R. No. 1266

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, An official delegation from the United Kingdom  
2 headed by British Consul General Karen Bell is visiting the State  
3 Capitol on April 25, 2019; and

4           WHEREAS, Winston Churchill observed in 1946 that the United  
5 States and the United Kingdom enjoy a "special relationship" based  
6 on bonds of shared history, culture, and language, and it is also  
7 true that Texans have a long history of friendship with Britain;  
8 President Sam Houston was the first Texas leader to send  
9 ambassadors to London, and a plaque on St. James Street still marks  
10 the site of the legation of the Republic of Texas; and

11           WHEREAS, Today, more than 800 subsidiaries of British  
12 companies do business in the Lone Star State, directly supporting  
13 53,000 jobs for Texans, and the UK is the state's sixth-largest  
14 global export market; each year, nearly \$5 billion in services and  
15 \$4 billion in such goods as petroleum, aerospace products, and  
16 medical equipment are purchased from Texas by British households  
17 and businesses; prominent airlines, such as British Airways and  
18 United, offer daily flights to the UK from major Texas cities, and  
19 high levels of tourism and business travel bring our two peoples  
20 even closer, both economically and culturally; and

21           WHEREAS, Represented by the British Consulate General in  
22 Houston, the government of the UK works with Texas state and  
23 municipal leaders, nongovernmental organizations, and businesses  
24 to create a more prosperous and secure future, and together Texans

1 and Britons share a commitment to fighting terrorism, ending the  
2 scourge of human trafficking, and maintaining the sustainable  
3 stewardship of natural resources and the environment; and

4 WHEREAS, The State of Texas takes great pride in its  
5 partnership with the UK, and the citizens of the Lone Star State  
6 look forward to many more years of fruitful cooperation with their  
7 friends from across the Atlantic; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby recognize April 25, 2019, as United Kingdom Day  
10 at the State Capitol and extend to Consul General Bell and the rest  
11 of the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and  
12 productive visit; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for the delegation as an expression of high regard by the  
15 Texas House of Representatives.