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H.R. No. 329

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of the Texas House of Representatives
2 are pleased to recognize the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce
3 and congratulate the chamber for its many accomplishments; and

4 WHEREAS, Predating the founding of the city of Houston, the
5 East End can trace its origins to the 1820s, when New York
6 entrepreneur John Harris established Harrisburg at the
7 intersection of Braes and Buffalo Bayous; after briefly serving as
8 the capital of the Republic of Texas, the town was annexed by
9 Houston in 1926; today, the East End remains a location of great
10 importance as the proud home of the Port of Houston, one of the
11 nation's foremost ports for international trade and one of the
12 largest port facilities in the world; and

13 WHEREAS, The Houston East End Chamber of Commerce was founded
14 in 1991 to ensure the economic prosperity of the area; guided by
15 this central goal, the chamber hosts a wide range of programs and
16 events that encourage new commercial ventures and support existing
17 businesses, and it has begun providing webinars and other resources
18 to help business leaders meet the challenges of the COVID-19
19 pandemic; moreover, the group created the Strategic Vision for the
20 East End in 2006, and the chamber and its partners have since made
21 outstanding progress, establishing an Economic Development
22 Division in 2009 and the East End Street Fest in 2013; and

23 WHEREAS, Dedicated to equipping the next generation with the
24 knowledge and skills necessary to succeed, the chamber foundation

1 has awarded more than \$500,000 in scholarships over the past 13
2 years; in addition, the chamber started an Education Symposium and
3 helped organize Port of Houston Maritime Academies at Stephen F.
4 Austin and Jack Yates High Schools as well as a National Engineering
5 Academy at Chavez High School; and

6 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the East End Chamber of
7 Commerce has played an integral role in the growth and economic
8 well-being of the region, and the success of this dynamic
9 organization is a testament to the superb work of its members, both
10 past and present; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
12 Legislature hereby honor the Houston East End Chamber of Commerce
13 for its exemplary efforts in behalf of the East End community and
14 the surrounding area and extend best wishes to all those associated
15 with the chamber.