

By: Whitmire

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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Mr. Wea Lee and the International Trade Center Community Empowerment Organization of Houston on the occasion of the organization's 21st anniversary, which is being celebrated with a gala on November 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The International Trade Center of Houston was established in 2002 by founder Wea Lee; Mr. Lee, a business magnate who publishes the *Southern Chinese Daily News* and prints over 50 international news publications, founded the trade center to encourage and facilitate international business in Houston; and

WHEREAS, The organization has played an important role in promoting global financial activity and diversifying the local economy in Houston; the ITC Community Empowerment Organization has hosted more than 200 community and international events since its inception in 2002 and continues to support and vitalize communities and industries in the Houston metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, The organization has played a crucial and productive role in facilitating relationships between Houston businesses and new global partners, and it is indeed fitting that it receive special recognition on more than two decades of success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th

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Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend Mr. Wea Lee and the members of the ITC Community Empowerment Organization on their commitment to Houston's growth and prosperity and extend to all best wishes for a memorable 21st anniversary celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organization as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.