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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Proud representatives of four major metropolitan 2 LGBTQ chambers of commerce from across the state are gathering in 3 Austin for the first Texas LGBTQ Chambers of Commerce Advocacy Day 4 at the State Capitol on February 14, 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, These organizations include the Austin LGBT Chamber 6 of Commerce, the Greater Houston LGBT Chamber of Commerce, the 7 North Texas LGBT Chamber of Commerce, and the San Antonio LGBT 8 Chamber of Commerce, and they have joined together to form a 9 statewide coalition of more than 1,000 LGBT-owned and allied 10 businesses; the cities the chambers represent account for nearly 11 half of the state's population; and

12 WHEREAS, Having originally joined forces to combat 13 discrimination and promote equality, inclusion, and economic 14 vitality across Texas, the chambers are also pursuing a legislative agenda that includes support for economic development and the 15 promotion of tourism, for comprehensive nondiscrimination 16 legislation that makes Texas a competitive, business-friendly 17 state, for increased funding for public schools, and for 18 improvements to the state's health care system and its public 19 safety and transportation policies; in addition, the group 20 21 advocates for racial equity in all sectors of the state, including education, employment, health care, and criminal justice; and 22

23 WHEREAS, By bringing their collective voices together in 24 behalf of the LGBTQIA+ business community in the Lone Star State,

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1 these chambers of commerce have jointly become a powerful advocate 2 for the dignity and prosperity of all Texans; now, therefore, be it 3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas 4 Legislature hereby recognize February 14, 2023, as Texas LGBTQ 5 Chambers of Commerce Advocacy Day at the State Capitol and extend a 6 warm welcome to the visiting delegation.

González of El Paso Zwiener	González of Dallas Johnson of Dallas
A. Johnson of Harris	Anchía
Bhojani	Bryant
Bucy	Campos
Cole	Flores
Garcia	Goodwin
Hinojosa	Jones of Harris
Jones of Dallas	Morales of Harris
Neave Criado	Ortega
Turner	Walle
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 155 was adopted by the House on March 8, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House