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R E S O L U T I O N

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
15 agenda that includes support for economic development and the
16 promotion of tourism, for comprehensive nondiscrimination
17 legislation that makes Texas a competitive, business-friendly
18 state, for increased funding for public schools, and for
19 improvements to the state's health care system and its public
20 safety and transportation policies; in addition, the group
21 advocates for racial equity in all sectors of the state, including
22 education, employment, health care, and criminal justice; and

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.