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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 Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature  
4 hereby recognize February 14, 2023, as Texas LGBTQ Chambers of  
5 Commerce Advocacy Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome  
6 to the visiting delegation.