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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange,
2 and surrounding communities are gathering in Austin on March 3 and
3 4, 2025, to celebrate Golden Triangle Days at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated on the Gulf Coast and western Louisiana
5 border, amid low marshland, this region within Jefferson and Orange
6 Counties is well known for its rich natural resources, and in its
7 early years, the area grew as an active riverport that served as a
8 center for cattle raisers, farmers, lumber workers, and rice
9 millers; the discovery of oil at Spindletop in 1901 led to a boom in
10 industry and wealth, and the area of land between the cities of
11 Beaumont, Orange, and Port Arthur was deemed the Golden Triangle;
12 known for its strong industrial infrastructure, which includes the
13 impressive ports of Beaumont and Port Arthur, this dynamic region
14 is now one of the largest refining and petrochemical hubs in the
15 world; and

16 WHEREAS, The approximately 340,000 residents of the Golden
17 Triangle have access to distinguished educational institutions,
18 including Lamar University, Lamar State College Orange, Lamar State
19 College Port Arthur, and Lamar Institute of Technology; the public
20 also benefits from the extraordinary landscape of Southeast Texas,
21 which lends itself to various environmental tourism sites, such as
22 Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, the Big Thicket
23 National Preserve, Sea Rim State Park, and the McFaddin National
24 Wildlife Refuge; moreover, there are numerous historical and

1 cultural attractions, including Beaumont's Crockett Street
2 Entertainment District, the Spindletop Boomtown Museum, the
3 McFaddin-Ward House, the Sabine Pass Battleground State Historic
4 Site, and the Museum of the Gulf Coast; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 2007, leaders from the Beaumont, Port Arthur,
6 and Orange chambers of commerce have combined their advocacy
7 efforts during sessions of the Texas Legislature, and Golden
8 Triangle Days at the Capitol provide an opportunity for citizens to
9 build business relationships with state officials and others
10 throughout Southeast Texas; this year, representatives from
11 Beaumont, Bridge City, Groves, Nederland, Orange, Port Arthur, Port
12 Neches, and Vidor are attending the event; and

13 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work to build
14 an even brighter future, residents of the Golden Triangle may
15 indeed take great pride in the important role their communities
16 continue to play in the story of the Lone Star State; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
19 Legislature hereby recognize March 3 and 4, 2025, as Golden
20 Triangle Days at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
21 delegations sincere best wishes for a rewarding and memorable stay
22 in Austin.