

R E S O L U T I O N

1        WHEREAS, Prison Entrepreneurship Program Day at the State  
2    Capitol is taking place on April 29, 2025; and

3        WHEREAS, Established in 2004, the Prison Entrepreneurship  
4    Program is a nonprofit organization that aims to transform the  
5    lives of its participants through completion of a character  
6    development program and an entrepreneurship boot camp; in the  
7    course of the program, participants take part in a business plan  
8    competition and complete numerous classes; upon graduation, they  
9    are honored in a formal ceremony and awarded a Certificate in  
10   Entrepreneurship from the Baylor University Hankamer School of  
11   Business; and

12       WHEREAS, After being released from prison, PEP graduates have  
13   experienced high rates of employment and low rates of recidivism,  
14   and they continue to benefit from PEP resources such as eSchool  
15   classes, the Communitas Business Centers, and family reunification  
16   initiatives; to date, nearly 10,000 incarcerated individuals have  
17   participated in PEP, and over 4,000 certificates have been awarded;  
18   those who have completed the program have established more than 700  
19   businesses, including several that generate over \$5 million in  
20   gross annual revenue; and

21       WHEREAS, Among its many accolades, PEP has earned the Texas  
22   Governor's Award for Criminal Justice Volunteer Service, and it was  
23   named a Rising Star in the Fast Company/Monitor Group Social  
24   Capitalist Awards; and

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1           WHEREAS, For more than two decades, the Prison  
2 Entrepreneurship Program has excelled in its mission of helping  
3 former inmates to become productive citizens, and numerous  
4 individuals and communities have benefited from its successful  
5 efforts; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize April 29, 2025, as Prison  
8 Entrepreneurship Program Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm  
9 welcome to the visiting delegation.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 949 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House