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H.R. No. 252

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A delegation from the Houston East End Chamber of
2 Commerce is visiting the Capitol City on February 11 and 12, 2019,
3 and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to recognize the
4 organization for its many accomplishments; and

5 WHEREAS, Predating the founding of the city of Houston, the
6 East End can trace its origins to the 1820s, when New York
7 entrepreneur John Harris established Harrisburg at the
8 intersection of Braes and Buffalo Bayous; after briefly serving as
9 the capital of the Republic of Texas, the town was annexed by
10 Houston in 1926; today, the East End remains a location of great
11 importance as the proud home of the Port of Houston, one of the
12 nation's foremost ports for international trade and one of the
13 largest port facilities in the world; and

14 WHEREAS, The Houston East End Chamber of Commerce was founded
15 in 1991 to ensure the economic prosperity of the area; guided by
16 this central goal, the chamber hosts a wide range of programs and
17 events that encourage new commercial ventures and support existing
18 businesses; moreover, the group created the Strategic Vision for
19 the East End in 2006, and the chamber and its partners have since
20 made outstanding progress, establishing an Economic Development
21 Division in 2009 and the East End Street Fest in 2013; and

22 WHEREAS, Dedicated to equipping the next generation with the
23 knowledge and skills necessary to succeed, the chamber has awarded
24 more than \$280,000 in scholarships over the past 12 years; in

1 addition, the organization started an Education Symposium and
2 helped organize Port of Houston Maritime Academies at Stephen F.
3 Austin and Jack Yates High Schools as well as a National Engineering
4 Academy at Chavez High School; and

5 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the East End Chamber of
6 Commerce has worked to enhance the business environment of Houston
7 by providing excellent opportunities for networking, promotion,
8 and education, and in so doing, the group has significantly
9 contributed to the economic vitality of Southeast Texas; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize February 11 and 12, 2019, as East End
13 Days at the State Capitol and honor the Houston East End Chamber of
14 Commerce for its exemplary efforts in behalf of the East End
15 community and the surrounding area; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the chamber as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.