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HR 1067

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5 By: Representative Dalby

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 11, 2025, AS TEXARKANA USA
10 REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DAY AT THE STATE
11 CAPITOL.

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14 **Subtitle**

15 TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 11, 2025, AS
16 TEXARKANA USA REGIONAL CHAMBER OF
17 COMMERCE DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

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19 WHEREAS, the Texarkana USA Regional Chamber of Commerce was established
20 in 1905 as the Texarkana Board of Trade with a mission to stimulate economic
21 growth and prosperity in the area, and it has been a cornerstone of the
22 community since that time; and

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24 WHEREAS, early influential figures within the then-Texarkana Board of
25 Trade were William Buchanan, Fred Offenhauser, W.R. Grim, E.W. Frost, and
26 Louis Heilbron, who played pivotal roles in shaping the organization's
27 direction; and

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29 WHEREAS, in 1912, the then-Texarkana Board of Trade became one of the
30 first one hundred (100) charter members of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in
31 1912, joining other pioneering cities such as Houston, Texas, and Pine Bluff,
32 Arkansas; and

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34 WHEREAS, over time, the then-Texarkana Board of Trade recognized the
35 need to reflect its broader purpose and regional influence, leading to its
36 rebranding as the Texarkana USA Regional Chamber of Commerce, a change that



1 underscored its commitment to serving as a unifying force, seamlessly
2 integrating two (2) states into a single, cohesive community; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Texarkana USA Regional Chamber of Commerce serves both
5 Texarkana, Texas, and Texarkana, Arkansas, promoting cross-state
6 collaboration and playing a key role in attracting new businesses and
7 industries to the region; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Texarkana USA Regional Chamber of Commerce advocates for
10 economic growth, business development, and community progress, and works
11 closely with local government, educational institutions, and community
12 leaders to drive regional development; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Texarkana USA Regional Chamber of Commerce provides
15 resources, networking opportunities, and support for local businesses, and
16 organizes annual events, business forums, and networking programs for
17 professionals; and
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19 WHEREAS, today, the Texarkana USA Regional Chamber of Commerce remains
20 a vital partnership of businesses, organizations, and professionals working
21 collaboratively to build a robust economy and enhance the quality of life in
22 the Texarkana area, proudly serving approximately six hundred (600) Chamber
23 partners,
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25 NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 THAT the House of Representatives recognize March 11, 2025, as
30 Texarkana USA Regional Chamber of Commerce Day at the State Capitol.
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
33 presented to the leaders of the Texarkana USA Regional Chamber of Commerce by
34 the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.
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