

By: Representative Dalby

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

Subtitle

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

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

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

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



underscored its commitment to serving as a unifying force, seamlessly integrating two (2) states into a single, cohesive community; and

WHEREAS, the Texarkana USA Regional Chamber of Commerce serves both Texarkana, Texas, and Texarkana, Arkansas, promoting cross-state collaboration and playing a key role in attracting new businesses and industries to the region; and

WHEREAS, the Texarkana USA Regional Chamber of Commerce advocates for economic growth, business development, and community progress, and works closely with local government, educational institutions, and community leaders to drive regional development; and

WHEREAS, the Texarkana USA Regional Chamber of Commerce provides resources, networking opportunities, and support for local businesses, and organizes annual events, business forums, and networking programs for professionals; and

WHEREAS, today, the Texarkana USA Regional Chamber of Commerce remains a vital partnership of businesses, organizations, and professionals working collaboratively to build a robust economy and enhance the quality of life in the Texarkana area, proudly serving approximately six hundred (600) Chamber partners,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognize March 11, 2025, as Texarkana USA Regional Chamber of Commerce Day at the State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to the leaders of the Texarkana USA Regional Chamber of Commerce by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.