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# NEWS ADVISORY

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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## **EMMETT TO DISCUSS *STATE OF THE COUNTY* AT ANNUAL GHP LUNCHEON**

HOUSTON – The Greater Houston Partnership, in conjunction with the League of Women Voters, will host leaders from Harris County's private, public and nonprofit sectors for its annual *State of the County Address*. In his third address, County Judge Ed Emmett will discuss the present and future roles and responsibilities of the nation's third-largest county as it emerges as the economic Gateway to North America.

Harris County comprises a large portion of the 10-county region GHP represents and makes a sizable contribution to its economy. It is home to 27 of the region's 29 *Fortune 500* companies. Roughly 70,000 businesses representing a wide variety of industries are located within the county's approximate 1,800 square mile area. Harris County is also home to several of the region's economic engines including the Port of Houston and the Houston Ship Channel; the Texas Medical Center; Bush Intercontinental and Hobby Airports; and many of the region's colleges and universities.

**WHO:** The Honorable Ed Emmett, Harris County Judge  
Greater Houston Partnership  
League of Women Voters

**WHAT:** 2010 State of the County Address

**WHEN:** February 11, 2010  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Hilton Americas Houston  
1600 Lamar Street  
Houston, TX

**Seating is limited to working media. Judge Emmett will have media availability immediately following the luncheon in Room 339 A/B. Please RSVP to Rachel D. Graham at [rgraham@houston.org](mailto:rgraham@houston.org) or 713-844-3663.**

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The Greater Houston Partnership is the primary advocate of Houston's business community and is dedicated to building regional economic prosperity. It represents 10 counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto and Waller. With more than 2,100 Member organizations, GHP represents approximately one-fifth of the region's work force. Visit GHP at [houston.org](http://houston.org).

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