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**RESOLUTION OF THE  
GREATER HOUSTON PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
February 6, 2008**

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**Expressing Condolences at the Death of  
Mayor Louie Welch**

By evidence of this memorial resolution, the members of the Board of Directors of the Greater Houston Partnership wish to express their sense of sorrow and loss at the untimely death of Mayor Louie Welch.

Louie Welch served in Houston city government for over fourteen years including five terms as mayor of our city. Mayor Welch was a visionary instrumental in developing the infrastructure necessary for Houston to become the major international city it is today.

During his administration, Mayor Louie Welch secured Houston's future water supplies overseeing agreements with the Trinity River Authority and the development of Lake Livingston and Lake Conroe. Other significant infrastructure accomplishments during his administration include establishing Bush Intercontinental Airport and making monumental strides toward environmental improvements in Houston.

As President of the Greater Houston Partnership's predecessor, the Houston Chamber of Commerce, Louie Welch greatly expanded our organization's influence and membership and laid Houston's foundation as an international city. His leadership was vital in establishing Houston's special relationship with China and the development of the Wortham Center and the George R. Brown Convention Center.

It is with our deepest sympathy that we express our condolences to Mayor Welch's wife and other family members in this time of sorrow. Louie Welch was dedicated to the future of Houston and all Houstonians. He was a friend to many and will be missed by all who knew him.

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Daniel J. Wolterman, Chairman

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Jeff Moseley, President and CEO

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Daniel G. Bellow, Secretary