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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE ED EMMETT TO LEAD TRADE MISSION TO INDIA ON THURSDAY** *Delegation Promotes Ties With South Asian Economic Powerhouse*

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett will lead a delegation of area business and community representatives on a 10-day trip to western India this week to promote Harris County as a “first choice” in international trade and to explore trade opportunities with one of the world’s fastest-growing economies.

Judge Emmett and a group including officials with the Greater Houston Partnership, the Port of Houston Authority, the Greater Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston will leave Houston Thursday morning en route to Mumbai (formerly Bombay).

More than a dozen delegation members will meet with Indian government trade officials and private corporate executives while in India. The group is scheduled to return to the United States on May 2.

“The South Asian economy already has been of enormous benefit to residents all over southeast Texas,” said Judge Emmett. “I’m hoping to expand on that relationship and foster new and stronger economic ties by encouraging Indian investment in Harris County and local investment in India.”

Among the destinations on the group’s itinerary are the Jawaharlal Nehru Port and the Mahindra Tractors plant in Mumbai and Tata Motors and the industrial areas in Pune, India.

The trip is being coordinated by the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston and the Greater Houston Partnership in cooperation with the Consulate General of India in Houston and the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Houston Export Assistance Center.

Judge Emmett will be paying most of his own expenses on the visit, including flight costs.