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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The staff of the Texas Legislative Council has
2 worked diligently to meet the needs of the legislature over the
3 course of this 140-day regular session; and

4 WHEREAS, Led by executive director Jeff Archer, assistant
5 executive director Kimberly Shields, and general counsel Jon
6 Heining, the council staff is organized into five
7 divisions--information systems, legal, research, document
8 production, and administration--each of which specializes in
9 specific areas of support; and

10 WHEREAS, The council's information systems division, guided
11 by division director Joe Diana, provides a range of
12 computer-related services to the legislative branch of state
13 government; in addition to equipping member offices with PCs,
14 iPads, printers, and software, the division maintains the network
15 infrastructure for the Capitol community, develops applications,
16 and offers comprehensive training and assistance in technical
17 matters, lending its expertise through a variety of channels; and

18 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of division director Mike
19 Marshall, the attorneys, legal assistants, editors, and support
20 staff of the legal division help to craft proposed bills and
21 constitutional amendments, substitutes, amendments, conference
22 committee reports, and miscellaneous drafts and provide legal
23 advice and analysis on request; the division's legal editing team
24 also performs a dual role by carrying out the engrossing and

1 enrolling duties for the house; and

2 WHEREAS, The research division, led by division director
3 Karen White, is composed of the data analysis & digital content,
4 mapping & redistricting, policy research & bill analysis, research
5 editing & special projects, and resolutions & publications
6 sections; during the session, division staff produce numerous bill
7 analyses for house committees, resolutions and certificates, and
8 side-by-side analyses; they also maintain Capweb and other useful
9 websites; and

10 WHEREAS, Contributing to the council's efforts to serve the
11 legislature are the members of the TLC document production staff;
12 division director Janet Sullivan manages sections that handle data
13 transcription, graphics, proofreading, printing, and document
14 processing; over the course of the session, the division produces
15 and distributes thousands of drafts, house official printings, and
16 other documents; and

17 WHEREAS, The council's diverse responsibilities are
18 supported by the staff of the administration division, who keep the
19 other divisions running smoothly through their efforts in the areas
20 of human resources, accounting and purchasing, and assurance
21 services; and

22 WHEREAS, Council staff bring to their duties precision,
23 creativity, knowledge, and technical expertise, serving the
24 legislature and the citizens of this state with stamina and
25 resilience as they meet the myriad challenges of a legislative
26 session; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize the staff of the Texas Legislative
2 Council for their work in behalf of the legislative branch of
3 government and the Lone Star State; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the council staff as an expression of high regard by
6 the Texas House of Representatives.