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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Texas Impact is celebrating the 50th anniversary of  
2 its founding in 2023, and this occasion merits special recognition;  
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4 WHEREAS, A faith-based organization, Texas Impact was  
5 established in 1973 following the Sharpstown Scandal, which  
6 galvanized Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, and other spiritual  
7 leaders in Texas to focus their attention on state government;  
8 since its inception, the organization has promoted the belief that  
9 religious communities are called to minister to the whole person  
10 and respond with compassion to the physical, emotional, and  
11 spiritual needs of all people; in addition, the group recognizes  
12 that such a ministry could not be performed adequately without  
13 concern for social problems at the state level; and

14 WHEREAS, Texas Impact has continued to build and mobilize an  
15 interfaith network of denominational, congregational, and  
16 individual members in counties across the state who advocate for  
17 policies related to economic justice, human rights, climate issues,  
18 and other social concerns; the organization has also risen to  
19 national prominence, advising the White House and federal agencies  
20 on matters of faith and policy, and it works with interfaith leaders  
21 worldwide as an accredited observer to the Conference of the  
22 Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate  
23 Change; and

24 WHEREAS, Texas Impact is training the next generation of

1 faith leaders through its work with Texas seminaries; it also  
2 sponsors internship programs that have trained numerous high school  
3 and college students, many of whom are now serving the people of  
4 Texas and other states as policy advocates and implementers; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the course of the past five decades, Texas  
6 Impact has remained a steadfast participant in state government,  
7 inspiring countless Texans to contribute to the common good and  
8 serve as a bridge between their fellow citizens and the legislative  
9 process; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
11 hereby congratulate Texas Impact on the occasion of its 50th  
12 anniversary and extend to its board of directors, members, and  
13 staff sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Texas Impact as an expression of high regard by the  
16 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.