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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Association of Regional Councils is
2 celebrating the 50th anniversary of its founding in 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, Established in 1973, TARC was formed by regional
4 councils of governments (COGs) to encourage cooperation and improve
5 coordination and communication in planning efforts at the local,
6 regional, and state levels; the association is made up of 24
7 regional councils, and it supports its member agencies in their
8 work to enhance quality of life in their communities through
9 regional strategies, partnerships, and solutions; and

10 WHEREAS, The 24 regional councils are comprised of city,
11 county, and special district members, and they all work together to
12 implement cost-effective and results-oriented strategies that
13 address statewide and local needs on a regional scale; in addition,
14 the association provides vital policy and program support for state
15 and local leaders; and

16 WHEREAS, TARC enables its members to assist local governments
17 by sharing best practices, educating the public, and representing
18 councils before city, state, and federal agencies, as well as
19 legislative bodies; furthermore, its members work closely with
20 state and federal partners on a variety of projects that are vital
21 to the health and safety of Texas residents, including developing
22 regional emergency preparedness strategies, implementing services
23 and programs for the elderly, overseeing regional planning for
24 environmental issues, improving regional 911 systems, and

1 supporting community and economic development; TARC is governed by
2 a board of elected officials that includes county judges,
3 commissioners, mayors, and city council members from across the
4 state's COG regions; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the course of the past half century, the Texas
6 Association of Regional Councils has provided invaluable support to
7 its member councils and has greatly contributed to the betterment
8 of communities across the Lone Star State, and it is indeed a
9 pleasure to join in celebrating this significant milestone in the
10 organization's history; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
12 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Texas
13 Association of Regional Councils and extend to all those associated
14 with the organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.