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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, John Goff has been awarded the 2023 Golden Deeds
2 Award by the Exchange Club of Fort Worth; and

3 WHEREAS, The top honor conferred by the organization, this
4 accolade recognizes the individual deemed the most outstanding
5 citizen of the year; and

6 WHEREAS, John Goff is the chair and a cofounder of Crescent
7 Real Estate Equities of Fort Worth, one of the premier real estate
8 companies in North Texas; a visionary developer and bold investor,
9 he has been involved in numerous major commercial projects,
10 including the Crescent Fort Worth Hotel and Crescent Offices, set
11 to open later in 2023 in the Cultural District; he also spearheaded
12 the creation of the Klyde Warren Park, an acclaimed urban
13 greenspace built over a depressed freeway in downtown Dallas; and

14 WHEREAS, Crescent Real Estate has sought to make a positive
15 difference in the communities where it operates; it launched a
16 program to adopt schools serving at-risk students, and it created a
17 scholarship program for non-officer members of the company; in
18 2010, the Goff Family Foundation established the B Sharp Youth
19 Music Program, which offers elementary students in the Fort Worth
20 Independent School District intensive after-school music
21 instruction, academic tutoring, and life skills training; and

22 WHEREAS, During the pandemic, then-mayor Betsy Price asked
23 Mr. Goff to assist local businesses as co-chair of the committee
24 that became Fort Worth Now; he made a personal, \$100,000 donation to

1 the organization, which facilitated mask distribution, vaccine
2 delivery, and financial assistance, and his example drew other
3 benefactors; the group was also charged with making the city more
4 resilient, which led him to conclude that it needed a Tier 1
5 research university; working with city and business officials, as
6 well as Texas A&M University Law School dean Bobby Ahdieh and
7 A&M System chancellor John Sharp, Mr. Goff was instrumental in the
8 university's commitment to build the \$350 million Texas A&M-Fort
9 Worth campus; appointed chair of the successor to Fort Worth Now,
10 the Fort Worth-Tarrant County Innovation Partnership, he continues
11 to share his time and expertise to promote the city's vibrancy and
12 prosperity; and

13 WHEREAS, John Goff has made contributions of lasting value to
14 Fort Worth through his dedicated civic leadership, and he is indeed
15 deserving of this prestigious accolade; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate John Goff on his receipt of the
18 2023 Golden Deeds Award from the Exchange Club of Fort Worth and
19 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mr. Goff as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.