By: Metcalf H.R. No. 2293

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has greatly benefited from the

2 dedicated efforts of the staff of the Legislative Budget Board

3 during the 88th Legislative Session; and

4 WHEREAS, A permanent joint committee of the Texas

Legislature, LBB develops budget and policy recommendations for

6 legislative appropriations, prepares fiscal analyses for proposed

7 legislation, and evaluates the efficiency and performance of state

8 and local operations; and

9 WHEREAS, Members of LBB carry out a wide range of

10 responsibilities assigned by statute, including the adoption of a

11 constitutional spending limit and preparation of a General

12 Appropriations Bill draft and budget estimates document; in

13 addition, they conduct comprehensive reviews of the educational,

14 financial, and operational services and programs of Texas school

15 districts, prepare fiscal notes and impact statements on proposed

16 legislation, maintain the state contract database for online access

17 by the public, and guide, review, and finalize agency strategic

18 plans; and

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19 WHEREAS, Over the course of the session, LBB supports the

20 legislative appropriations process by providing staff resources

21 for the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Finance

22 Committee, and the Conference Committee on Appropriations; the

23 board also publishes fiscal information and maintains a website

24 that provides budget information and documents; during the interim,

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- 1 LBB offers assistance to standing and special committees and keeps
- 2 legislators informed about significant budget and performance
- 3 developments among state agencies; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The LBB staff is skillfully guided by executive
- 5 director Jerry McGinty II, deputy director Nora Velasco-Herrera,
- 6 general counsel Stewart Shallow, chief of staff Malika Te, and
- 7 assistant directors Scott Dudley, Aaron Henricksen, Julie Lindsey,
- 8 and Matthew Medford; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The administration and staff of the Legislative
- 10 Budget Board work tirelessly to ensure the effectiveness and
- 11 efficiency of Texas state government, and in so doing, they are
- 12 rendering a vital service to the people of the Lone Star State; now,
- 13 therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
- 15 Legislature hereby recognize the Legislative Budget Board and
- 16 commend its administration and staff for their exemplary work
- 17 during the 88th Legislative Session; and, be it further
- 18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 19 prepared for the board as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 20 House of Representatives.