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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, The council is led by executive director Jeff
5 Archer, who draws on more than 40 years of experience with the
6 agency; he is relied on throughout the Capitol community for his
7 expertise in a broad range of subject areas, and through the
8 decades, he has worked thousands of late night and early morning
9 hours to provide steadfast support to legislators, legislative
10 staff, and council employees; and

11 WHEREAS, The agency's leadership team also includes
12 assistant executive director Kimberly Shields and general counsel
13 Jon Heining, who help coordinate the operation of the five TLC
14 divisions--information systems, legal, research, document
15 production, and administration--each of which specializes in
16 specific areas of support; and

17 WHEREAS, Guided by division director Joe Diana, the council's
18 information systems division provides a range of computer-related
19 services to the legislative branch of state government; in addition
20 to equipping member offices with PCs, iPads, printers, and
21 software, the division maintains the network infrastructure for the
22 Capitol community, develops applications, and offers comprehensive
23 training and assistance in technical matters, lending its expertise
24 through a variety of channels; and

1 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of division director Mike
2 Marshall, the attorneys, legal assistants, editors, and support
3 staff of the legal division help to craft proposed bills and
4 constitutional amendments, substitutes, amendments, conference
5 committee reports, and miscellaneous drafts and provide legal
6 advice and analysis on request; the division's legal editing team
7 also performs a dual role by carrying out the engrossing and
8 enrolling duties for the House; and

9 WHEREAS, The research division, led by division director
10 Karen White, is composed of the redistricting & data, policy
11 research & bill analysis, research editing & special projects, and
12 resolutions & publications sections; during the session, division
13 staff produce numerous bill analyses for House committees,
14 resolutions and certificates, and side-by-side analyses; moreover,
15 they support the redistricting process, provide mapping and
16 statistical services, and maintain Capweb, Texas Redistricting,
17 and other useful websites; and

18 WHEREAS, Contributing to the council's efforts to serve the
19 legislature are the members of the TLC document production staff;
20 division director Janet Sullivan manages sections that handle data
21 transcription, proofreading, printing, and document processing &
22 delivery; over the course of the session, the division produces and
23 distributes thousands of drafts, House official printings, and
24 other documents; and

25 WHEREAS, The council's diverse responsibilities are
26 supported by the staff of the administration division, who keep the
27 other divisions running smoothly through their efforts in the areas

1 of human resources, accounting and purchasing, and assurance
2 services; and

3 WHEREAS, Council staff bring to their duties precision,
4 creativity, knowledge, and technical expertise, serving the
5 legislature and the citizens of this state with stamina and
6 resilience as they meet the myriad challenges of a legislative
7 session; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize the staff of the Texas Legislative
10 Council for their work in behalf of the legislative branch of
11 government and the Lone Star State; and, be it further

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