

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

WHEREAS, Since 1980, the Texas Lyceum has united the efforts of dynamic leaders committed to addressing the challenges facing our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Nonpartisan, nonpolitical, and nonadversarial, the Texas Lyceum is based on a concept dating back more than 2,500 years, to the Aristotelian debates of ancient Greece; Connecticut resident Josiah Holbrook sparked a resurgence of the lyceum in the 1820s, and in the following decade, a lyceum was established in Austin; this predecessor of the Texas Lyceum welcomed Sam Houston as an honorary member, and it debated critical issues of the American frontier, including annexation, slavery, and temperance; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Lyceum counts among its alumni such notable figures as Governor Greg Abbott, former governor and U.S. energy secretary Rick Perry, former president George W. Bush, and Senator Ted Cruz; the organization works to develop the next generation of leaders while enhancing understanding of contemporary problems among today's decision-makers; serving as a catalyst for the exchange of diverse expertise and opinions, it hosts conferences and other programs that further productive discussions; in addition, it conducts the nationally recognized Texas Lyceum Poll and offers fellowships to expand opportunities for graduate students in public administration; and

WHEREAS, In 2023, the Texas Lyceum is sponsoring a public conference, A Lyceum Look at Elections, in Austin from January 26 to 28; the Texas Senate heartily supports the worthy goals of the organization and of this gathering; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, in accordance with Senate rules of procedure and policies of the Senate Administration Committee, hereby grant the Texas Lyceum permission to use the Senate Chamber in the State Capitol on January 26, 2023, from 3 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., for its presidential and new class investiture, unless the Texas Senate is in session on that date.

Bettencourt

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 18, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate