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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, Nonpartisan, nonpolitical, and nonadversarial, the
5 Texas Lyceum is based on a concept dating back more than 2,500
6 years, to the Aristotelian debates of ancient Greece; Connecticut
7 resident Josiah Holbrook sparked a resurgence of the lyceum in the
8 1820s, and in the following decade, a lyceum was established in
9 Austin; this predecessor of the Texas Lyceum welcomed Sam Houston
10 as an honorary member, and it debated critical issues of the
11 American frontier, including annexation, slavery, and temperance;
12 and

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

24 WHEREAS, In 2023, the Texas Lyceum is sponsoring a public

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1 conference, A Lyceum Look at Elections, in Austin from January 26 to
2 28; the Texas Senate heartily supports the worthy goals of the
3 organization and of this gathering; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, in
5 accordance with Senate rules of procedure and policies of the
6 Senate Administration Committee, hereby grant the Texas Lyceum
7 permission to use the Senate Chamber in the State Capitol on January
8 26, 2023, from 3 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., for its presidential and new
9 class investiture, unless the Texas Senate is in session on that
10 date.