

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 316

**WHEREAS**, Members of the Texas Small Business Development Center Network are celebrating Texas Small Business Development Center Day at the State Capitol on March 15, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas SBDC Network is part of America's SBDC, a national program established by the Small Business Development Center Act of 1979; since its inception, America's SBDC has grown to include around 1,000 service centers and more than 5,000 professional business advisors who provide personalized and confidential assistance to small business owners; today, the Texas SBDC Network encompasses four lead offices at universities and colleges across the state and over 50 field and specialty centers in urban and rural areas; and

**WHEREAS**, For more than three and a half decades, the Texas SBDC Network has provided business consulting to clients at no cost and offered affordable training to guide small businesses through every stage of development; in 2022, the organization helped businesses access over \$829 million in financing, including Small Business Administration COVID-19 disaster loans; moreover, it is estimated that the network's efforts in the past year saved nearly 17,000 jobs and created some 10,500 jobs, and companies affiliated with the organization generated approximately \$553 million in new sales and \$92 million in tax revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas SBDC Network has contributed immeasurably to the success of numerous new and existing companies, and in so doing, it has greatly enhanced the economic prosperity of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby recognize March 15, 2023, as Texas Small Business Development Center Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those associated with the Texas Small Business Development Center Network sincere best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable visit; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Texas SBDC Network as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 15, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate