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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

13 WHEREAS, For more than three and a half decades, the Texas
14 SBDC Network has provided business consulting to clients at no cost
15 and offered affordable training to guide small businesses through
16 every stage of development; in 2022, the organization helped
17 businesses access over \$829 million in financing, including Small
18 Business Administration COVID-19 disaster loans; moreover, it is
19 estimated that the network's efforts in the past year saved nearly
20 17,000 jobs and created some 10,500 jobs, and companies affiliated
21 with the organization generated approximately \$553 million in new
22 sales and \$92 million in tax revenue; and

23 WHEREAS, The Texas SBDC Network has contributed immeasurably
24 to the success of numerous new and existing companies, and in so

1 doing, it has greatly enhanced the economic prosperity of the Lone
2 Star State; now, therefore, be it

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

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the Texas SBDC Network as an expression of high regard
11 by the Texas Senate.