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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Las Colinas, a master-planned community in Irving,
2 is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, Las Colinas can trace its origins to 1973, when
4 Dallas businessman Ben Carpenter began developing his family ranch,
5 Hackberry Creek Ranch, into a large, mixed-use community; the
6 development started out with around 7,000 acres, eventually
7 expanding to more than 12,000 acres after various land
8 acquisitions; by 1976, the first two corporations had settled in
9 Las Colinas, Allstate Insurance Company and the Associates Corp.,
10 and many other companies would soon follow suit during a period of
11 significant growth in the 1980s; and

12 WHEREAS, Today, Las Colinas is a thriving commercial and
13 corporate community with over 27 million square feet of office
14 space; it is home to a multitude of national and international
15 firms, including Citigroup, Wells Fargo, and Caterpillar, and more
16 than 150,000 people work in the community for some 7,500 companies;
17 its business environment benefits from the development's close
18 proximity to downtown Dallas and Fort Worth, as well as its easy
19 access to DFW International Airport, the Dallas Area Rapid Transit
20 Orange Line, and a number of major highways; furthermore, the area
21 is home to such educational institutions as Dallas College
22 Northlake Campus and the University of Dallas; and

23 WHEREAS, The community has over 40 residential villages and
24 offers a variety of housing options; residents and visitors alike

1 enjoy a range of amenities and attractions, including museums,
2 globally-inspired restaurants, hotels and resorts, championship
3 golf courses, and the Las Colinas Entertainment District, which
4 encompasses the popular Toyota Music Factory and Water Street; in
5 addition, outdoor enthusiasts are drawn to the area for its more
6 than 190 acres of parks and greenbelts, as well as its many lakes,
7 including Lake Carolyn, where activities such as paddleboarding and
8 gondola rides are available; and

9 WHEREAS, Las Colinas has played an important role in the City
10 of Irving for the past five decades, and it is indeed a pleasure to
11 recognize the community on this special milestone in its history;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
14 hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of Las Colinas and extend
15 to its citizens sincere best wishes for the future.