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H.R. No. 695

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The City of McKinney has distinguished itself by
2 earning six Transparency Stars from the Texas Comptroller of Public
3 Accounts; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 2016, the Transparency Stars program
5 recognizes local government entities that provide taxpayers with
6 easy access to financial data as well as the tools to better
7 understand and analyze the information; McKinney was the first city
8 to earn stars in the five areas that initially made up the program:
9 traditional finances, contracts and procurement, economic
10 development, public pensions, and debt obligations; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2024, the Texas Comptroller's Office added a
12 sixth star to the program, open government and compliance, and
13 McKinney has earned that designation as well; in recognition of
14 this outstanding achievement, the city has been honored with the
15 Comptroller's six-star Transparency Trailblazers Award, which
16 highlights the city's leadership in financial transparency and sets
17 a benchmark for municipalities across Texas; and

18 WHEREAS, The City of McKinney's website offers detailed
19 information about revenues, expenditures, and taxes, including
20 easy-to-read graphs detailing the city's finances and financial
21 responsibilities over time; the city has also created a
22 transparency page that provides area residents with a wide range of
23 information about their government beyond fiscal data; and

24 WHEREAS, The county seat of Collin County, McKinney is a

1 rapidly growing city that boasts award-winning schools, a lively
2 historic downtown, a thriving economy, and great natural beauty;
3 the community benefits from the able leadership of mayor George
4 Fuller and city manager Paul Grimes; and

5 WHEREAS, The citizens of our state and nation benefit greatly
6 from open government, and the City of McKinney may indeed take great
7 pride in its exemplary efforts to provide its residents with the
8 information they need to participate in the decisions that affect
9 them and their families; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate the City of McKinney on its receipt
12 of six Transparency Stars from the Texas Comptroller of Public
13 Accounts and extend to the city's officials and employees sincere
14 best wishes for continued success in their important work; and, be
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the City of McKinney as an expression of high regard by
18 the Texas House of Representatives.