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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas and the Province of Québec in
2 Canada share a deep and enduring friendship rooted in mutual values
3 and strong economic ties; and

4 WHEREAS, Boasting the second-largest GDP in the United
5 States, Texas is Québec's top commercial partner in the nation,
6 with major economic hubs in Houston, Dallas, and Austin; the state
7 also serves as one of the province's fastest-growing markets,
8 particularly in sectors such as aerospace, energy, biomedical, IT
9 and artificial intelligence, and creative industries; in addition,
10 Canada is the state's second-largest trading partner, and in 2022,
11 trade between Texas and Canada totaled \$71.3 billion; and

12 WHEREAS, The Québec Government Office in Houston works to
13 promote the province's interests throughout the South Central
14 region of the United States, which includes Texas, Louisiana,
15 Oklahoma, and Arkansas; the office supports the areas of business,
16 investment, government institutions, education, culture, the
17 advancement of the French language, and the Francophonie; and

18 WHEREAS, In April 2025, Québec's minister for the economy,
19 Christopher Skeete, met with state leaders at the Texas Capitol and
20 the offices of Secretary of State Jane Nelson and Governor Greg
21 Abbott; and

22 WHEREAS, Texas and Québec have demonstrated a steadfast
23 commitment to promoting innovation and prosperity, and they have
24 benefited immeasurably from their vibrant partnership; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor the longstanding relationship between the
4 Province of Québec and the State of Texas and express support for
5 deepening cooperation in areas of shared interest.