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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of DeSoto has implemented a new
2 streaming-video system that allows citizens improved access to
3 public meetings via the city's website, becoming the first city in
4 Dallas County and only the fourth in Texas to make use of this new
5 technology; and

6 WHEREAS, The system allows live webcasting of meetings as
7 they occur and also makes archived versions available for viewing
8 at any time, with the material being accessed through an
9 interactive agenda that allows fast and easy retrieval of specific
10 information; and

11 WHEREAS, The new streaming system has been operational since
12 June 2006, and its launch was made possible by the dedicated efforts
13 of a deployment team that included city secretary Anell Shipman,
14 project lead Laura Hallmark, webmaster Karen Kirby, network
15 administrator Jarrod Wright, audiovisual lead Kathy Maples, and
16 audiovisual backup Darrell Tate; and

17 WHEREAS, By pioneering the use of this medium, the city of
18 DeSoto is making local government more accessible to residents;
19 with Internet use widespread among the town's population, this
20 web-based system allows a large number of citizens to have
21 convenient, round-the-clock access to city meetings, which creates
22 greater awareness of important issues in the community and enhances
23 civic participation; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby honor the city of DeSoto for the establishment
2 of its streaming-video system for public meetings and commend the
3 individuals involved in this project for their efforts to enhance
4 citizen involvement in governmental affairs.