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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On February 21, 2007, proud residents,
2 businesspeople, and friends of the Richardson community are meeting
3 at the State Capitol for Richardson's Telecom Corridor Legislative
4 Day; and

5 WHEREAS, Located just north of Dallas in both Collin and
6 Dallas Counties, Richardson is home to almost 100,000 people and a
7 high concentration of technology and telecommunications firms, as
8 well as financial services firms and corporate headquarters; and

9 WHEREAS, The collaboration between business and government
10 that characterizes the region is due in large part to the committed
11 efforts of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the City of
12 Richardson; assistance from the state's Texas Enterprise Fund and
13 Emerging Technology Fund has also greatly contributed to local
14 economic development initiatives; and

15 WHEREAS, Richardson has been among the most successful cities
16 for economic development in the nation, with its City-Chamber
17 economic development partnership receiving the prestigious
18 "Technology-Led Development Award" from the International Economic
19 Development Council in 2006; after capturing the largest capital
20 investment in the United States in 2004 made by a single company,
21 Texas Instruments, Richardson followed up by winning the
22 Countrywide Financial 5,000-job campus project in 2005 and the Blue
23 Cross Blue Shield 1.1 million-square-foot headquarters in 2006; no
24 city of its size in the state has ever attracted so many nationally

1 significant projects of such size in such a short span of years; and

2 WHEREAS, Richardson's high quality of life makes it an ideal
3 home to modern business; in addition to some of the state's best
4 schools and colleges, the city boasts more than 1,000 acres of park
5 space, and the nationally known Wildflower Arts and Music Festival
6 and Cottonwood Arts Festival are apt reflections of the area's rich
7 cultural opportunities; and

8 WHEREAS, Richardson is also home to The University of Texas
9 at Dallas, a dynamic public research institution on the cutting
10 edge of science, technology, and medicine; the site of the new \$85
11 million Natural Science and Engineering Research Building, the
12 university is known for its outstanding school of engineering and
13 computer science as well as for its exceptional faculty and staff;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the area's
16 technology leadership have made Richardson's Telecom Corridor area
17 one of the showpieces of modern Texas, and they can take great pride
18 in their many accomplishments as they look forward to the
19 challenges and opportunities that lie ahead; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
21 Legislature hereby recognize February 21, 2007, as Richardson's
22 Telecom Corridor Legislative Day and extend a warm welcome to the
23 area's business and civic leaders visiting the State Capitol.