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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, A delegation from the Central Party School of China, in Beijing, is visiting the Texas State Capitol on May 8, 2007; and

WHEREAS, This notable event is taking place as a result of an international exchange program for emerging government and business leaders that has been established by the Central Party School and the Texas Lyceum Association; brought into being by an agreement signed in Beijing on January 6, 2006, this program is the first international exchange program that the school has entered into with a nongovernmental organization and is one of only a few exchange agreements of any kind established with an entity in the West; and

WHEREAS, The goal of this important agreement is to foster a better understanding of the commonality that exists between the United States and China in the areas of cultural values, ethics, and leadership development; a series of bilateral cultural, academic, and business exchange activities is envisioned, one of which will be an annual Lyceum Leadership Exchange Forum; the forum will provide an opportunity for emerging political, cultural, and economic pacesetters from each country to jointly explore the most pressing issues facing their nations and the world at large; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1980, the Texas Lyceum Association is an independent, nonpartisan leadership development organization whose membership reflects the breadth of the state's geographic and demographic diversity; and

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WHEREAS, China's Central Party School constitutes both the training academy for the political, cultural, and business leadership of China and also that country's most significant cultural think tank; Hu Jintao, president of the People's Republic of China, formerly served as president of the school, and its current president, Zeng Quinghong, serves today as vice president of the PRC and as one of the nine members of the Standing Committee of the Politburo of the CPC Central Committee; and

WHEREAS, Leading the delegation from Central Party School is Xu Weixin, professor and chief of the Training Program Department; accompanying Ms. Xu are Shi Yanmei, professor in the Institute of International Strategy, Bai Pinghao, associate professor and director of the Socialism Development History Center in the Scientific Socialism Department, Xu Pinghua, associate professor in the Economics Department, and Wang Jia, program coordinator of the Foreign Affairs Office; and

WHEREAS, The exchange program established by Central Party School and the Texas Lyceum provides an outstanding opportunity for talented and dynamic young leaders from both China and Texas to share insights, information, and ideas about the momentous challenges of our time and to forge lasting relationships that may serve as a bridge of friendship between our two peoples; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby welcome to the Texas State Capitol the delegation from the Central Party School of China and extend to its distinguished members sincere best wishes for a most enjoyable and

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1 memorable visit.