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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Valero Energy Corporation has been ranked number one
2 on *Fortune* magazine's 2007 list of the "Best Big Companies to Work
3 For"; and

4 WHEREAS, Based in San Antonio, Valero is the largest refiner
5 in North America, with 22,000 employees and annual revenues of more
6 than \$90 billion; the company owns and operates 18 refineries
7 throughout the U.S., Canada, and the Caribbean, with a combined
8 throughput capacity of approximately 3.3 million barrels per day;
9 Valero is also one of the nation's largest retail operators, with
10 over 5,500 retail and branded wholesale outlets, including Valero,
11 Diamond Shamrock, and others; and

12 WHEREAS, The *Fortune* magazine ranking highlights Valero's
13 commitment to a safe workplace; the only refining company to make
14 the magazine's list of best big employers, it is also the only
15 refiner to commit all of its refineries to achieve certification
16 through the OSHA-sponsored Voluntary Protection Program, a list of
17 standards that promote workplace safety and health; to date, 11
18 Valero refineries have achieved Star Site certification, a
19 designation only 23 out of 149 refineries in the U.S. have earned;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Valero is committed not only to the safety of the
22 workplace, but also holds as part of its mission the professional
23 development of its employees, an environment that promotes creative
24 thinking, teamwork, and open communication, and a leadership role

1 in its communities by providing company support and encouraging
2 employee involvement; in 2006 alone, more than 250,000 hours were
3 donated by Valero staff members to community projects; moreover,
4 the company has never laid off a single employee; and

5 WHEREAS, This outstanding corporate citizen continues to set
6 a high standard of professionalism, and its administrators and
7 staff may take great pride in this recent accomplishment; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Valero Energy Corporation on its
11 number one ranking on the *Fortune* "Best Big Companies to Work For"
12 list and extend to all those associated with the company best wishes
13 for continued success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Valero as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.