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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In response to an impending population boom, the
2 City of Terrell has developed an impressive model for planned
3 development that is gaining wide recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, Terrell currently is home to about 16,000 people,
5 but more than 50,000 new residents are expected to settle there by
6 2025, and the population increase will result in the construction
7 of about 22,000 new homes; city officials are meeting this
8 incredible challenge with an innovative plan to encourage desirable
9 development while avoiding tax hikes and curbing runaway growth
10 that would diminish the character of the historic rural community;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Through the use of special district laws, area
13 leaders have designated approximately 11,000 presently undeveloped
14 acres for the master plan and are working to ensure that new
15 housing, infrastructure, and commercial ventures in the area will
16 continue to reflect high standards and that resources will be
17 available to meet the increased demand for services; and

18 WHEREAS, The Terrell city design model of regional
19 cooperation, intergovernmental partnerships, and prudent financial
20 arrangements has been the subject of articles in national
21 publications, including *Nation's Cities Weekly*, which printed an
22 article by Terrell city manager Torry Edwards in the February 9,
23 2009, issue, and *Public Works Management and Policy*, which included
24 a case study about Terrell in 2007; additionally, Mayor Hal

1 Richards has been invited to a north central Texas regional mayor's
2 conference to present the Terrell design model as a "best business
3 practice"; and

4 WHEREAS, The visionary, thoughtful approach the city has
5 taken in preparing for the challenges and opportunities of
6 population growth will greatly benefit area residents in the years
7 to come and has set high standards for other communities to emulate,
8 and Terrell civic leaders merit high praise for their notable
9 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the City of
12 Terrell on the national recognition received by its exemplary model
13 for sustainable development and that all those involved in the
14 innovative planning efforts be commended for their outstanding
15 contributions; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the City of Terrell as an expression of high regard by
18 the Texas House of Representatives.