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H.R. No. 243

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On February 11, 2009, proud residents, business
2 people, and friends of the Richardson community are meeting at the
3 State Capitol for Richardson's Telecom Corridor Legislative Day;
4 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, making
9 it the second largest employment center in North Texas; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Richardson has been among the most successful cities
17 in the nation at promoting economic development, attracting such
18 internationally renowned companies as Cisco Systems, AT&T,
19 Verizon, Fujitsu Network Communications, Samsung
20 Telecommunications America, Hewlett-Packard, Rockwell Collins,
21 Boeing, and Texas Instruments; at the same time, the city has
22 spawned exciting new companies in the fields of telecommunications,
23 nanotechnology, life sciences, software, and semiconductors,
24 garnering over \$2 billion in venture capital investments; in 2006,

1 the city received the prestigious "Technology-Led Development
2 Award" from the International Economic Development Council; and

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

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

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

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize February 11, 2009, as Richardson's
23 Telecom Corridor Legislative Day and extend a warm welcome to the
24 area's business and civic leaders visiting the State Capitol.