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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Board members from the John Goodwin Tower Center for
2 Political Studies at Southern Methodist University are gathering at
3 the State Capitol on February 17, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Offering intellectual discourse, lively debate, and
5 thought-provoking research, the Tower Center supports teaching and
6 research programs in international studies and national security
7 policy; the center reaches out to the greater community through its
8 sponsorship of conferences, seminars, and public lectures by world
9 leaders; and

10 WHEREAS, The program was named in honor of former three-term
11 U.S. senator John Goodwin Tower, the first elected Republican to
12 hold a U.S. Senate seat from Texas since Reconstruction; and

13 WHEREAS, Reaching students from middle school through
14 postdoctoral studies, the center places a special emphasis on
15 undergraduate teaching and works to encourage students' interest in
16 public service; enabling scholars to pursue research in such topics
17 as domestic and foreign policy and the global economy, the program
18 contributes to informed debate on the public policy challenges that
19 confront our nation and the world; and

20 WHEREAS, Those accomplished men and women who study politics
21 and international affairs at the Tower Center are engaged in the
22 vital issues of our day, and it is indeed appropriate to honor the
23 center and the future leaders of the Lone Star State; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize February 17, 2009, as John Goodwin
3 Tower Center for Political Studies Day at the State Capitol and
4 extend to the center's visiting delegation sincere best wishes for
5 a memorable stay in Austin.