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S.C.R. No. 44

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislative Council is marking the 60th
3 anniversary of its founding in 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Created by statute in 1949, the council was
5 established to gather information for the use of the legislature
6 and to assist in drafting legislation; the agency operates under
7 the guidance of a 14-member governing body composed of the
8 lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house, who serve as joint
9 chairs, together with the chair of the house administration
10 committee, five other state representatives, and six senators; the
11 agency's executive director oversees the council staff, which is
12 organized into six major divisions: administration, document
13 production, information systems, legal, policy and planning, and
14 research; and

15 WHEREAS, Through the years, the council has continued to
16 evolve to meet the needs of the legislative branch; today, its staff
17 conducts research, drafts legislation, provides computer services,
18 offers technical support for redistricting, produces publications,
19 reports, and maps, and maintains a number of public and legislative
20 websites; moreover, the council is responsible for the engrossing
21 and enrolling of house bills and resolutions and for the
22 distribution of all house documents; additionally, since 1963 the
23 council has been charged with operating a permanent statutory
24 revision program that involves reorganizing the statutes in topical

1 codes, eliminating invalid, duplicative, and other ineffective
2 provisions, and improving the draftsmanship of the law if
3 practicable, and thus far, 25 codes have been adopted; and

4 WHEREAS, Over the course of its history, the Texas
5 Legislative Council has remained a nonpartisan, professional
6 organization committed to the highest standards of public service,
7 and it is indeed fitting that the agency be recognized for its
8 immeasurable contributions to the Lone Star State; now, therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
11 hereby commemorate the 60th anniversary of the creation of the
12 Texas Legislative Council and extend to the council and its staff
13 sincere appreciation for their exemplary efforts.