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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 established to gather information for the use of the legislature 5 6 and to assist in drafting legislation; the agency operates under the guidance of a 14-member governing body composed of the 7 8 lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house, who serve as joint chairs, together with the chair of the house administration 9 committee, five other state representatives, and six senators; the 10 agency's executive director oversees the council staff, which is 11 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 evolve to meet the needs of the legislative branch; today, its staff 16 17 conducts research, drafts legislation, provides computer services, 18 offers technical support for redistricting, produces publications, reports, and maps, and maintains a number of public and legislative 19 websites; moreover, the council is responsible for the engrossing 20 and enrolling of house bills and resolutions and for 21 22 distribution of all house documents; additionally, since 1963 the council has been charged with operating a permanent statutory 23 24 revision program that involves reorganizing the statutes in topical

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- 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.

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