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S.C.R. No. 44

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

1 practicable, and thus far, 25 codes have been adopted; and

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

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