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H.C.R. No. 49

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The first program of its kind in the United States,  
2 Austin Energy Green Building is celebrating its 20th anniversary in  
3 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, The Green Building program encourages Central  
5 Texans to design and construct sustainable homes and buildings that  
6 are economical, efficient, healthy, safe, and beneficial for the  
7 community and the planet; by providing rating systems, influencing  
8 construction codes, developing energy and building policy, and  
9 educating residents and homebuilders, the endeavor serves as a  
10 model for green building initiatives nationwide; and

11 WHEREAS, Since 2005, the Green Building program has rated  
12 more than 4,000 homes and saved participants more than \$3.8 million  
13 in energy costs and the structures involved in the initiative have  
14 conserved more than 69 million gallons of water and diverted more  
15 than 120,000 tons of waste from landfills; and

16 WHEREAS, Austin Energy Green Building has been recognized  
17 with awards from the National Association of Homebuilders and the  
18 U.S. Green Building Council; and

19 WHEREAS, The sound policies promoted by Austin Energy Green  
20 Building are worthy of strong support, and the success of this  
21 program has contributed to the high quality of life in the Austin  
22 community and set a positive example for other cities across the  
23 country; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas

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1 hereby commemorate the 20th anniversary of Austin Energy Green  
2 Building and commend all those associated with the program for  
3 their outstanding work; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Austin Energy as an expression of high regard by the  
6 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.