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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On March 9, 2011, proud residents, businesspeople,
2 and friends of the Richardson community are meeting at the State
3 Capitol for Richardson's Telecom Corridor Legislative Day; and

4 WHEREAS, Located just north of Dallas in both Dallas and
5 Collin Counties, Richardson is home to more than 100,000 people and
6 a high concentration of technology and telecommunications
7 companies, as well as financial services firms and corporate
8 headquarters; it ranks as one of the largest employment centers in
9 North Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, The collaboration between business and government
11 that characterizes the region is due in large part to the committed
12 efforts of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the City of
13 Richardson; assistance from the state's Texas Enterprise Fund and
14 Emerging Technology Fund has also figured significantly in local
15 economic development initiatives; and

16 WHEREAS, Richardson has been among the most successful cities
17 in the nation at promoting economic development, having attracted
18 such internationally renowned companies as Cisco Systems, AT&T,
19 Verizon, Fujitsu Network Communications, Samsung
20 Telecommunications America, Rockwell Collins, Boeing, Texas
21 Instruments, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas; at the same
22 time, exciting new companies in the areas of telecommunications,
23 nanotechnology, software and semiconductors, and the life
24 sciences, garnering over \$2 billion in venture capital investments,

1 have been started in the city, and in 2006, the Richardson Economic
2 Development Partnership, a project of the City of Richardson and
3 the Richardson Chamber of Commerce, received the prestigious
4 Technology-Based Economic Development Award from the International
5 Economic Development Council; and

6 WHEREAS, The exceptional quality of life in Richardson
7 contributes to making this community an especially desirable
8 location; in addition to having some of the state's best schools and
9 colleges, the city boasts more than 1,000 acres of park space, and
10 the nationally known Wildflower! arts and music festival and
11 Cottonwood Art Festival are representative of the area's
12 outstanding cultural assets; and

13 WHEREAS, Richardson is also home to The University of Texas
14 at Dallas, a dynamic public research institution that stands at the
15 forefront of scientific, technological, and medical investigation;
16 the school's state-of-the-art Natural Science and Engineering
17 Research Laboratory, an \$85 million facility that was completed in
18 2007, and its highly regarded Jonsson School of Engineering and
19 Computer Science help UTD to draw and retain an exceptional faculty
20 and staff; and

21 WHEREAS, The Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the area's
22 technology leadership have made Richardson's Telecom Corridor one
23 of the showplaces of modern Texas, and they can take great pride in
24 their many accomplishments as they look forward to the challenges
25 and opportunities that lie ahead; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
27 Legislature hereby recognize March 9, 2011, as Richardson's Telecom

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1 Corridor Legislative Day and extend a warm welcome to the
2 Richardson-area business and civic leaders who are visiting the
3 State Capitol.