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H.R. No. 420

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Economic Development Council is observing
2 the 50th anniversary of its creation in 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, Originally known as the Texas Industrial
4 Development Council, the organization was founded in 1961 by a
5 group of individuals representing railroads, banks, utility
6 companies, chambers of commerce, and civic associations from all
7 across the state; preliminary meetings were held in Dallas,
8 Abilene, and Austin, and the first general membership meeting took
9 place in College Station, where the council's central
10 administrative office would be located at Texas A&M University for
11 nearly three decades; and

12 WHEREAS, The council was a driving force behind the
13 institution of the economic development sales tax in 1989 and has
14 supported the Texas Enterprise Fund, the Texas Emerging Technology
15 Fund, the Texas Economic Development Act, and the Skills
16 Development Fund; in 1991, the organization relocated to Austin,
17 and three years later the group adopted its present name; today, the
18 nearly 900 members of TEDC continue to work on issues of great
19 importance to the state, including investment, education, and
20 workforce development; and

21 WHEREAS, For half a century, TEDC has played an instrumental
22 role in spurring economic growth in the Lone Star State, and the
23 benefits of its accomplishments will positively affect Texans long
24 into the future; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding
3 of the Texas Economic Development Council and extend to its members
4 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for TEDC as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
7 of Representatives.