

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 425**

**WHEREAS**, On March 9, 2011, proud residents, business people, and friends of the Richardson community are meeting at the State Capitol for Richardson Telecom Corridor Legislative Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Located just north of Dallas in both Dallas and Collin Counties, Richardson is home to over 100,000 people and a high concentration of technology and telecommunications firms, as well as financial services firms and corporate headquarters; the city is the second-largest employment center in North Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, The collaboration between business and government that characterizes the region is due in large part to the committed efforts of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the City of Richardson; assistance from the state's Texas Enterprise Fund and Emerging Technology Fund has also greatly contributed to local economic development initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Richardson has been among the most successful cities in the nation in economic development, attracting internationally renowned companies such as Cisco Systems, AT&T, Verizon, Fujitsu Network Communications, Samsung Telecommunications Americas, Rockwell-Collins, Boeing, Texas Instruments, and Blue Cross Blue Shield while also spawning numerous new companies in the areas of telecommunications, nanotechnology, life sciences, software, and semiconductors, which have brought over \$2 billion in venture capital investments to the area; in 2006, the city received the prestigious Technology-Led Economic Development Award from the International Economic Development Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Richardson's high quality of life makes it an ideal home to cutting-edge businesses; in addition to some of the state's best schools and colleges, the city boasts more than 1,000 acres of park space, and the nationally known Wildflower Arts and Music Festival and Cottonwood Arts Festival are representative of the area's rich cultural opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Richardson is also home to The University of Texas at Dallas, a dynamic public research institution in the forefront of science, technology, and medicine; the university is known for its outstanding Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science as well as for its exceptional faculty and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, The Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the area's technology leadership have made the Richardson Telecom Corridor area one of the showpieces of modern Texas, and they can take great pride in their many accomplishments as they celebrate 65 years of serving Richardson and the Telecom Corridor and look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby recognize March 9, 2011, as Richardson Telecom Corridor Legislative Day and extend a warm welcome to the area's business and civic leaders visiting the State Capitol; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special day.

Carona, Shapiro

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 2, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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