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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Communication and transportation are integral to
2 the economy of the 21st century, and communities that have focused
3 development around these key factors will continue to be thriving
4 centers of activity in the decades ahead; and

5 WHEREAS, A portion of North Texas has emerged as an
6 especially important "connectivity hub" of this type; situated
7 within the Metropolitan Planning Area of the North Central Texas
8 Council of Governments, this region contains well-developed mass
9 transit facilities and a broad range of companies that specialize
10 in telecommunications technology; and

11 WHEREAS, The comprehensive transportation resources
12 available in the NCTCOG Metropolitan Planning Area include the
13 Dallas Area Rapid Transit bus and light-rail system, the Trinity
14 Railway Express service, the T bus service managed by the Fort Worth
15 Transportation Authority, and the A-train and bus services operated
16 by the Denton County Transportation Authority; area communities are
17 also served by Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and its
18 flagship carrier, American Airlines, and Dallas Love Field,
19 headquarters of Southwest Airlines; moreover, the region is a
20 national leader in product distribution and features two facilities
21 specializing in multi-modal transportation access, the Alliance
22 Global Logistics Hub and the Dallas Logistics Hub; and

23 WHEREAS, Renowned as a center for innovation, the area is
24 home to more than 60 major corporations involved in different

1 aspects of telecommunications, including cloud computing,
2 semiconductor manufacturing, and wireless and VoIP communication;
3 its impressive lineup of industry leaders includes such Fortune 500
4 companies as AT&T, Texas Instruments, and MetroPCS Communications,
5 and the achievements of the region's skilled workforce are driving
6 development in this essential sector of the American economy; and

7 WHEREAS, With its combination of dynamic business operations
8 and future-focused infrastructure, the NCTCOG Metropolitan
9 Planning Area has become an influential location for technology and
10 transportation, and its ongoing accomplishments are pointing the
11 way to a prosperous future for the Lone Star State; now, therefore,
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
14 hereby designate the North Central Texas Council of Governments
15 Metropolitan Planning Area as the official Texas Connectivity Hub.