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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The nonprofit U.S. Green Building Council works to  
2 promote sustainability and energy efficiency through green  
3 building practices, and this forward-thinking organization is  
4 represented in the Lone Star State by the Central Texas-Balcones,  
5 Chihuahuan Desert, North Texas, and Texas Gulf Coast Chapters; and

6           WHEREAS, Striking a balance between environmental concerns,  
7 social responsibility, and economic prosperity, green buildings  
8 improve on traditional structures by conserving energy, using water  
9 more efficiently, making greater use of natural light, and  
10 promoting better indoor air quality, thereby contributing to the  
11 health and productivity of the people who live and work in them; and

12           WHEREAS, The Texas chapters of the USGBC advocate use of the  
13 PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) lending tool, which improves  
14 the bottom line for building owners through upgrades in water and  
15 energy efficiency; the chapters are committed as well to promoting  
16 "green schools," in an effort to ensure that the state's children  
17 have as healthy an environment as possible; and

18           WHEREAS, The council's partners across the state include the  
19 Texas Society of Architects, the San Antonio chapter of the  
20 American Institute of Architects, the Air Barrier Association of  
21 America, the Central Texas chapter of Associated General  
22 Contractors of America, the International Association of Lighting  
23 Designers, Building Owners and Managers Association International,  
24 the Austin chapter of the International Facilities Management

1 Association, the City of Austin Office of Sustainability, the  
2 mayor's office of the City of Converse, Solar San Antonio, the  
3 Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems, NeighborWorks  
4 America, Environment Texas, the Texas Drought Project, The  
5 University of Texas at Austin, Austin Energy, and CLEAResult; and

6       WHEREAS, The Lone Star State is one of the nation's leaders in  
7 green building, and the Texas chapters of the USGBC are providing  
8 invaluable support to local governments, nonprofit organizations,  
9 and businesses as they work together to create improved buildings  
10 for all; now, therefore, be it

11       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
12 Legislature hereby commend the Central Texas-Balcones, Chihuahuan  
13 Desert, North Texas, and Texas Gulf Coast Chapters of the U.S. Green  
14 Building Council for their advocacy on behalf of green building and  
15 extend to the chapters' members sincere best wishes for continued  
16 success with their important work; and, be it further

17       RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
18 for the chapters as an expression of high regard by the Texas House  
19 of Representatives.