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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For three decades, *Quorum Report* has provided keen  
2 insights into the inner workings of Texas politics and government;  
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4           WHEREAS, This venerable newsletter was established in 1983 by  
5 Tim Richardson and Scott Bennett, a former member of the staff of  
6 Governor Bill Clements; its name was inspired by the Quorum Club, a  
7 private club owned by a former lawmaker turned lobbyist, and it was  
8 designed to inform public officials, lobbyists, power brokers, and  
9 anyone with an interest in the political process; and

10           WHEREAS, Since 1989, the newsletter has been published by  
11 Harvey Kronberg, once described as "the Capitol's most astute  
12 observer" by no less an authority than the Honorable Bob Bullock;  
13 Mr. Kronberg was a leader in forging an online presence, turning  
14 *Quorum Report* into an Internet-only news organization in 1998, when  
15 he was the sole staff member; within months, his site was drawing  
16 3,000 daily hits, and that year, he shocked major news outlets by  
17 scooping them on the results of the annual Texas Poll; his  
18 enterprise has continued to grow and thrive with the expansion of  
19 its news team, and today, it reaches a sizeable subscriber base with  
20 specialized content and draws additional readers to the *Daily Buzz*  
21 section available to the general public; in addition, he has  
22 launched a sister site, the *Texas Energy Report*; and

23           WHEREAS, A highly regarded source of valuable insider  
24 intelligence, *Quorum Report* has helped countless Texans deepen

1 their knowledge of the political process and government operations,  
2 and it has contributed significantly to the public discourse on  
3 those vital topics; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate *Quorum Report* on the 30th  
6 anniversary of its founding and extend to its publisher and staff  
7 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for the publication as an expression of high regard by the  
10 Texas House of Representatives.