## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 155

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the members of Leadership Fort Worth, which recently celebrated 40 years of outstanding service to the city; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1972, the program brings together a diverse group of people to explore the challenges and successes of the community; Leadership Fort Worth is one of the oldest such leadership development programs in the country and now claims more than 1,700 members; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed organization was founded by Dr. James Moudy of Texas Christian University; its growth was hastened by Fort Worth Junior League member Tiny Batts, who galvanized a team of regional institutions to sponsor the group; and

WHEREAS, Those two charter members would involve an extraordinarily active and varied body of citizens in the program; over the years, Leadership Fort Worth has expanded to include LeaderKids, which debuted in 1995 and focuses on middle school children, and Leading Edge, a program aimed at emerging community advocates between the ages of 25 and 35; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, Leadership Fort Worth partnered with the Community Foundation to launch a five-year program called the Fort Worth Leaders Fund, which cultivates philanthropy in the city; and

WHEREAS, This invaluable organization is widely respected for its good works and outreach projects in Fort Worth and is truly deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Leadership Fort Worth for its vital community service and extend to its members best wishes in future endeavors; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organization as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 11, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate