

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 639

WHEREAS, Samsung Electronics has demonstrated a commitment to creating jobs in Texas by placing its only semiconductor manufacturing plant outside of Korea in Austin, and now it is deepening that commitment with a \$4 billion expansion of the factory; and

WHEREAS, The newly expanded fabrication plant will be one of the largest in the United States, producing advanced logic devices for Samsung's large-scale integrated circuits business, while continuing to manufacture the NAND Flash memory chips; in addition, the company will expand the Samsung Austin Semiconductor Research Center, which already employs more than 200 engineers; and

WHEREAS, Due to be up and running by the end of 2013, this expansion will bring an additional 500 jobs to Austin, increasing the payroll impact on the local economy to well over \$100 million; the company has contributed to the community with more than \$2.5 million in donations to local organizations, and through the company's active giving campaign, its employees have contributed a further \$10 million; the expansion of the plant will bring Samsung's total investment in Austin to \$15 billion; and

WHEREAS, This dynamic corporation also plays a significant role in the North Texas business community; more than 2,000 Texans are employed at the Samsung Telecommunications America facility in Dallas, which opened in 1996; today, its staff develops a wide range of personal and business communications products, including wireless phones, tablets, wireless communications infrastructure systems, fiber optics, and enterprise communications systems, and it markets them throughout North America; and

WHEREAS, Over one million Samsung phones arrive at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport every week, and the Mobile Handset division in Dallas is the fastest-growing business segment in the history of its parent company, Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.; the division has been recognized as the number one mobile phone manufacturer in customer loyalty for five consecutive years, and it has driven the global value of the brand to stratospheric heights; and

WHEREAS, Texas is proud of the major corporations and highly skilled workforces that have a presence here, and the expansion of Samsung Austin Semiconductor is sure to bring great benefit to the company and this state for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby congratulate Samsung Electronics on the expansion of the Samsung Austin Semiconductor plant and honor the company for its contributions to the prosperity of the Lone Star State; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Samsung Electronics as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

Watson, Paxton

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 16, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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