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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On March 4, 2015, proud residents, businesspeople,
2 and friends of the Richardson community are gathering at the State
3 Capitol in Austin for Richardson/Telecom Corridor Legislative Day;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Located just north of Dallas in both Dallas and
6 Collin Counties, the city of Richardson is home to more than 100,000
7 people and a high concentration of technology and
8 telecommunications companies, as well as financial services firms
9 and corporate headquarters; it ranks as one of the largest
10 employment centers in North Texas and has been recognized as a major
11 telecommunications center with global reach; and

12 WHEREAS, The collaboration between business and government
13 that characterizes the region is due in large part to the committed
14 efforts of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce, a five-star
15 accredited U.S. Chamber member, the City of Richardson, and their
16 joint initiative, the Richardson Economic Development Partnership;
17 assistance from the state's Texas Enterprise Fund and Emerging
18 Technology Fund has also figured significantly in local economic
19 development projects; and

20 WHEREAS, Richardson has been among the most successful cities
21 in the nation at promoting business development, having attracted
22 such internationally renowned companies as State Farm, AT&T,
23 Verizon, Samsung Telecommunications America, Fujitsu Network
24 Communications, Texas Instruments, MetroPCS, Cisco, Blue Cross

1 Blue Shield of Texas, and Fossil; and

2 WHEREAS, The exceptional quality of life in Richardson
3 contributes to making this community an especially desirable
4 location, with highly regarded educational institutions like the
5 nearby Malcolm Baldrige award-winning Richland College, more than
6 1,100 acres of parkland, and the nationally known Wildflower! arts
7 and music festival and Cottonwood Art Festival; and

8 WHEREAS, Richardson is home to The University of Texas at
9 Dallas, a dynamic public research institution that stands at the
10 forefront of scientific, technological, and medical investigation;
11 the school's state-of-the-art Natural Science and Engineering
12 Research Laboratory and its highly regarded Jonsson School of
13 Engineering and Computer Science help UTD to draw and retain an
14 exceptional faculty and staff; moreover, the undergraduate and
15 graduate business programs at the Naveen Jindal School of
16 Management have consistently ranked among the best in the United
17 States; and

18 WHEREAS, The Richardson Independent School District was one
19 of only 26 districts to earn distinction from the Texas Education
20 Agency for postsecondary readiness, and it is one of the largest and
21 most diverse high-performing districts in Texas; all schools meet
22 TEA standards, STAAR passage rates exceed the state's average in
23 every subject, and the district employs only teachers rated "Highly
24 Qualified" under the No Child Left Behind Act; and

25 WHEREAS, The Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the area's
26 technology leaders have made Richardson's Telecom Corridor one of
27 the showplaces of modern Texas, and Richardson residents can take

1 great pride in their many accomplishments as they look forward to
2 the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead; now, therefore, be
3 it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize March 4, 2015, as Richardson/Telecom
6 Corridor Legislative Day and extend a warm welcome to the area
7 business and civic leaders who are visiting the State Capitol on
8 this day.