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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Bill Richardson of New Mexico is
2 donating his professional papers to the Briscoe Center for American
3 History at The University of Texas at Austin; and

4 WHEREAS, Over the course of more than three decades in public
5 service, Bill Richardson benefited his fellow citizens as a United
6 States congressman, as governor of New Mexico, as ambassador to the
7 United Nations, and as U.S. secretary of energy; he was nominated
8 four times for a Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his
9 achievements as a diplomat and special envoy, and he is the
10 recipient of the National Hispanic Hero Award from the U.S.
11 Hispanic Leadership Institute; and

12 WHEREAS, Governor Richardson has authored three books since
13 his return to private life in 2011, and he has been highly involved
14 in philanthropy; in collaboration with actor and conservationist
15 Robert Redford, he created the Foundation to Preserve New Mexico
16 Wildlife; he also established the Richardson Center for Global
17 Engagement, which focuses on conflict resolution and prisoner
18 release; since his days in Congress, he has secured the freedom of
19 hostages, political prisoners, and military service members from
20 North Korea, Cuba, Iraq, the Sudan, and Mexico; and

21 WHEREAS, Committed to advancing knowledge of international
22 affairs, Governor Richardson has shared his expertise as an adjunct
23 professor at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard
24 University and as a special fellow on Latin America at the James

1 A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University;
2 moreover, he has taught at the University of New Mexico and New
3 Mexico State University; he received his early education in Mexico
4 and the United States, and after graduating from Tufts University,
5 he went on to complete his master's degree at that institution's
6 acclaimed Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy; and

7 WHEREAS, The Governor Bill Richardson Papers will add
8 significantly to the depth of the American political history
9 collection at The University of Texas at Austin, offering scholars
10 unique insights into the remarkable career of a pioneering Hispanic
11 leader as well as valuable perspectives on international relations
12 and human rights; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor Governor Bill Richardson for his
15 accomplishments and express sincere appreciation for the generous
16 donation of his professional papers to the Briscoe Center for
17 American History; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Governor Richardson as an expression of high regard by
20 the Texas House of Representatives.