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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Legislative Council is dedicated to  
2 providing professional, nonpartisan support to the Texas  
3 Legislature and legislative agencies; and

4           WHEREAS, Created in 1949 to gather information for the  
5 legislature and to assist in drafting legislation, the council  
6 today offers a wide range of services, including research,  
7 information technology, publications, and specialized technical  
8 support for redistricting; it also acts as an information resource  
9 for state agencies, the citizens of Texas, and others as time and  
10 resources permit; and

11           WHEREAS, Over the course of biennial legislative sessions,  
12 the agency's legal division contributes wide-ranging expertise and  
13 many combined years of experience to the lawmaking process,  
14 drafting bills and other legislative documents and providing legal  
15 research and counsel; and

16           WHEREAS, Under the leadership of division director Deborah  
17 Fulton, the dedicated legal staff put forth a herculean effort  
18 during the first 60 days of the 84th Legislative Session, in advance  
19 of the filing deadline; they completed more than 5,300 bill drafts,  
20 which was an increase in workload of more than 10 percent over the  
21 previous session; and

22           WHEREAS, The council's research division drafts resolutions  
23 and analyses of legislation, and it responds to requests for  
24 research assistance on such topics as legislative histories and the

1 practices of other states; guided by division director Patty  
2 McLeod, the division furthers the agency's mission by delivering a  
3 variety of other services as well, including statistical research,  
4 mapping, and geographic analysis; and

5 WHEREAS, The council's administration and staff are  
6 committed to excellence, and through their endeavors in behalf of  
7 the Texas House of Representatives and Senate, they work to benefit  
8 all citizens of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby honor Deborah Fulton, Patty McLeod, and the  
11 staff of the legal and research divisions of the Texas Legislative  
12 Council and express appreciation to the council for its services;  
13 and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for the council as an expression of high regard by the  
16 Texas House of Representatives.