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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Each year, landfills across the state are loaded
2 with valuable materials that could otherwise be used for new
3 products or repurposed supplies; and

4 WHEREAS, This inefficient and unsustainable approach to
5 waste management can be remedied by developing zero waste plans,
6 which establish practical steps to reduce waste and to safely
7 reuse, recycle, or compost discarded products and packaging; and

8 WHEREAS, Zero waste policies help protect natural resources
9 by reducing carbon emissions and conserving raw materials for
10 remanufacturing; by implementing such policies, numerous
11 businesses, communities, and individuals have reported success in
12 diverting from 70 to 90 percent or more of their wastes from
13 landfills and incinerators; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to promoting stewardship of the
15 environment, zero waste plans present an opportunity for economic
16 growth; according to the Environmental Protection Agency, for every
17 10,000 tons of solid waste kept out of landfills, up to 10 recycling
18 or 75 materials reuse jobs are created; moreover, such plans can
19 help businesses thrive; General Motors, for example, has reduced
20 its costs substantially and has increased profits by applying zero
21 waste practices; encouraged by these favorable results, cities
22 across the Lone Star State, including Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth,
23 and San Antonio, are planning or have formally adopted zero waste
24 projects; and

1 WHEREAS, By laying the foundation for responsible resource
2 management and promoting sustainable consumption through zero
3 waste policies and practices, the public and private sectors can
4 work together to conserve our resources and bolster our economy;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby encourage communities, businesses,
8 institutions, colleges and universities, stadiums, organizations,
9 and individuals to adopt zero waste goals; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives challenge
11 all Texans to pursue zero waste wherever possible and highlight
12 their progress with zero waste events during America Recycles Day
13 and Earth Day each year.