

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 158

WHEREAS, Members of the Metroplex Technology Business Council are gathering at the State Capitol to celebrate Texas Technology Day on February 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Since the mid-1950s, North Texas has been home to major facilities of such high-technology companies as Texas Instruments, Collins Radio/Rockwell, and MCI, among many others; today, the region's thriving Telecom Corridor boasts a variety of telecommunications, information technology, biomedical, semiconductor, and nanotechnology companies that employ 230,000 people; and

WHEREAS, In response to this rapid growth, the Metroplex Technology Business Council was founded in August 1994 by four former chairs of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce, Jim Carmichael of Rockwell International, Joe Snayd of Fujitsu, Max Kee of Nortel, and Frank J. Kozel of MCI; over the years, the council's membership has grown from 80 member companies to 300, making it one of the largest technology trade associations in the Lone Star State and in the Southwest; and

WHEREAS, Under its motto "Technology Lives Here," the Metroplex Technology Business Council acts as an innovation hub for entrepreneurs, universities, and corporations by strengthening the North Texas technology community, fostering new technology talent, and creating jobs and opportunity for countless Texans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize the Metroplex Technology Business Council on the occasion of Texas Technology Day and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable day in Austin; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Metroplex Technology Business Council as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 17, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate