

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 139

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize International Business Machines Corporation on the occasion of the company's 50th anniversary in Austin; and

WHEREAS, On July 31, 1967, IBM opened the doors of its new 100,000-square-foot manufacturing plant in North Austin, and 500 employees played a role in assembling the Selectric Composer typewriter; and

WHEREAS, The company's operations have evolved over the years as IBM has worked to meet the changing demands of society, and today, the Austin campus provides jobs for approximately 6,000 Central Texans; the site hosts one of IBM's 12 research laboratories, and it serves as headquarters for the company's Global Design Group; and

WHEREAS, IBM has reached many significant technological milestones in the capital city; in 1984, Austin workers helped develop the company's first portable personal computer, and two years later, the Austin site began manufacturing the PC Convertible, IBM's first foldable laptop; and

WHEREAS, Over the last five decades, IBM has contributed greatly to the local economy through job creation, acquisitions, and the philanthropic endeavors of its employees; it has also helped bring about new entrepreneurial activity, as former employees have moved on to begin new local technology businesses such as Cognitive Scale and ClearCube; and

WHEREAS, IBM played a significant role in Austin's development from a sleepy college town to one of the nation's renowned technological centers; the company continues to thrive as an innovator in technological research and development, and its 50-year anniversary in the Texas capital is indeed worthy of celebration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate International Business Machines Corporation on 50 years of success in Austin and extend to all associated with the company best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the company as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 14, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate