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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of Transportation Excellence for the 21st  
2 Century and its U.S. 287 Corridor Task Force are gathering in Austin  
3 on February 15, 2017, for their legislative day at the State  
4 Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, A research organization composed of both government  
6 and business leaders, TEX-21 was founded in 1999 with the mission of  
7 increasing funding for the Texas Department of Transportation in  
8 order to better address infrastructure needs statewide; over the  
9 years, the nonprofit has served as an important advocate for  
10 various corridors and ports across Texas; and

11 WHEREAS, Current TEX-21 priorities include expiring revenue  
12 enhancements, the Third Coast Initiative, and the U.S. 287 Corridor  
13 Study; and

14 WHEREAS, Though its U.S. 287 Corridor Task Force, TEX-21 is  
15 working toward improving U.S. Route 287 to meet interstate highway  
16 standards; the highway is one of the most vital transport corridors  
17 in the Lone Star State, stretching northwest from Port Arthur  
18 across Texas and through the United States, as well as intersecting  
19 or merging with nearly every major highway in the state; moreover,  
20 it serves as an alternative truck route from the Port of Beaumont,  
21 which is the nation's largest military equipment port, and the Port  
22 of Port Arthur to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and the American  
23 Midwest, and as a critical evacuation route for Texas Gulf  
24 residents during hurricanes; and

1           WHEREAS, TEX-21 has helped to augment safety, enhance  
2 mobility for people and goods, and create jobs throughout the Lone  
3 Star State, and it is most fitting to take this opportunity to honor  
4 the organization; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize February 15, 2017, as TEX-21  
7 Legislative Day in Austin and commend all those associated with  
8 Transportation Excellence for the 21st Century and the U.S. 287  
9 Corridor Task Force for their contributions in behalf of their  
10 fellow citizens.