

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Technology industry leaders from some of the  
2 nation's most dynamic start-ups and iconic companies are gathering  
3 at the State Capitol on March 1, 2017, to celebrate the continued  
4 growth of the innovation economy in Texas; and

5           WHEREAS, Long at the forefront of science, Texas is known for  
6 groundbreaking developments, such as those achieved by NASA's  
7 Apollo Program at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Clear Lake,  
8 as well as the advanced research undertaken by public universities  
9 and the disruptive start-up culture that has taken hold in Austin,  
10 San Antonio, Houston, Dallas, and other locations; and

11           WHEREAS, The technology industry encompasses more than  
12 35,000 businesses across Texas, from cutting-edge entrepreneurs to  
13 established industry leaders; the sector employs more than 600,000  
14 people, representing the second-largest workforce of its kind in  
15 the country; and

16           WHEREAS, Advanced technology companies are a major driver of  
17 growth, contributing more than 6.2 percent of the state's gross  
18 domestic product; moreover, the number of science, technology,  
19 engineering, and math jobs is expected to grow by over 17 percent  
20 this decade, nearly double the growth rate of non-STEM occupations;  
21 and

22           WHEREAS, Within the legislature, the House Innovation and  
23 Technology Caucus is committed to informing all members on ways to  
24 further strengthen the economic impact of the technology sector by

1 supporting the advancement of industry innovation, growth, and  
2 competitiveness and investment in STEM education; and

3 WHEREAS, Drawing on a rich legacy of scientific achievement,  
4 Texas remains at the forefront of the information technology  
5 revolution, and by creating a welcoming environment for IT  
6 companies, the state is well positioned to reap the benefits of  
7 continued growth in this area of the economy in the years ahead;  
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2017, as Innovation and  
11 Technology Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those  
12 participating in the event sincere best wishes for an informative  
13 and enjoyable visit.

Howard

Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 716 was adopted by the House on March 1, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House