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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.