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H.R. No. 1540

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The City of McKinney has earned great distinction by
2 becoming the first city in Texas to receive five stars from the
3 Texas Comptroller's office for its financial transparency efforts;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, In 2016, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
6 initiated the Transparency Stars program, which recognizes local
7 governments that provide taxpayers with easy access to financial
8 data and the tools to analyze it; McKinney has earned stars in all
9 five areas: traditional finances, contracts and procurement,
10 economic development, public pensions, and debt obligations; and

11 WHEREAS, The City of McKinney's website offers detailed
12 information about revenues, expenditures, and taxes, including
13 easy-to-read graphs detailing the city's finances and financial
14 responsibilities over time; the city has also created a
15 transparency page that provides area residents with a wide range of
16 information about their government beyond fiscal data; and

17 WHEREAS, The county seat of Collin County, McKinney is one of
18 the fastest-growing cities in the nation, and in 2014 it was rated
19 the best place to live in America by *Money* magazine; this dynamic
20 community boasts award-winning schools, a lively historic
21 downtown, a thriving economy, and great natural beauty; and

22 WHEREAS, The citizens of our state and nation benefit greatly
23 from open government, and the City of McKinney may indeed take great
24 pride in its outstanding efforts to provide its taxpayers with the

1 information they need to participate in the decisions that affect
2 them and their families; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate the City of McKinney for receiving
5 five stars from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for its
6 transparency program and extend to the city's elected officials and
7 employees sincere best wishes for continued success in their
8 important work; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the City of McKinney as an expression of high regard by
11 the Texas House of Representatives.