

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 424

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the Texas Small Business Development Center Network in celebrating March 22, 2017, as Texas Small Business Development Center Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, On March 22, 1977, the Small Business Development Center Act was introduced in the United States Senate; the passing of this act led to the creation of a national infrastructure of approximately 1,000 service centers and more than 5,000 professional business advisors who provide personalized and confidential assistance to more than a million American small business owners each year; and

WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, the Texas Small Business Development Center Network has been helping to create jobs in Texas "one business at a time"; the state network is comprised of numerous field centers that are strategically located in rural, urban, and suburban communities throughout Texas, as well as at select institutions of higher education; experienced network advisors provide business consulting at no cost to clients and offer affordable training to help small businesses succeed at every stage of development; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, Texas businesses that accessed network services saved close to 10,000 jobs and created 14,692 new jobs; these successful companies generated \$1.3 billion in new sales and \$152 million in tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, Communities thrive when their local businesses thrive, and the Texas Small Business Development Center Network

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has helped thousands of small business owners access the resources they need for long-term success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend all associated with the Texas Small Business Development Center Network for their work on behalf of Texas businesses and for their many contributions to the state and extend to them best wishes for a memorable Texas Small Business Development Center Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as a memento of this special day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 22, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate