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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On March 6, 2019, proud residents, civic leaders,
2 and businesspeople from Richardson and the North Texas high-tech
3 community are gathering at the State Capitol for Richardson/Telecom
4 Corridor Legislative Day; and

5 WHEREAS, North Texas boasts the seventh-greatest
6 concentration of high-tech jobs in the nation and more than
7 one-third of all the high-tech jobs in the state; home to over
8 100,000 people, Richardson has a large number of technology and
9 telecommunications companies, as well as financial services and
10 insurance firms and corporate headquarters, and it ranks as a major
11 technology center with global reach; the city is also home to Tech
12 Titans, the largest technology trade association in Texas,
13 representing a quarter-million employees in more than 300 member
14 companies and serving as an innovation hub for entrepreneurs,
15 universities, and corporations; and

16 WHEREAS, The collaboration between business and government
17 that characterizes the area is due in large part to the committed
18 efforts of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce, a five-star
19 accredited member of the U.S. Chamber, as well as the vital support
20 provided by the City of Richardson and the Richardson Economic
21 Development Partnership, the first accredited economic development
22 organization in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex; and

23 WHEREAS, Richardson has been among the most successful cities
24 in the nation in promoting economic development, having attracted

1 such nationally and internationally renowned companies as Texas
2 Instruments, State Farm, AT&T, Verizon, Fujitsu Network
3 Communications, RealPage, GEICO, Ericsson, Cisco, Raytheon, Blue
4 Cross Blue Shield of Texas, Fossil, and Lennox International; and

5 WHEREAS, The exceptional quality of life in Richardson
6 contributes to making this community an especially desirable
7 location; residents benefit from highly regarded educational
8 institutions like Richland College and dynamic mixed-use urban
9 developments such as CityLine, and they can enjoy nearly 1,000
10 acres of parkland and the nationally known Cottonwood Art Festival
11 and the Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival; and

12 WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Dallas, a Texas Tier One
13 research university located in Richardson, graduates 90 percent of
14 its students with degrees in either the sciences or business, and it
15 is home to a number of highly ranked schools, including the Erik
16 Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science and the Naveen
17 Jindal School of Management, which is consistently rated as one of
18 the top business programs in the U.S.; and

19 WHEREAS, The Richardson Independent School District was one
20 of only seven Texas Honor Roll Districts in 2018 and one of only 26
21 districts across Texas to earn distinction from the Texas Education
22 Agency for postsecondary readiness; all schools meet TEA standards
23 and have received the agency's "Recognized" rating for six
24 consecutive years, and Richardson ISD campuses have exceeded the
25 average STAAR passage rates in every subject; the district boasts
26 23 U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon campuses, and
27 all four of its high schools were named among the nation's best by

1 *Newsweek*; and

2 WHEREAS, The Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the area's
3 technology leadership have made Richardson's Telecom Corridor one
4 of the showplaces of modern Texas, and the city's residents may take
5 great pride in their many accomplishments as they look forward to
6 the opportunities that lie ahead; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize March 6, 2019, as Richardson/Telecom
9 Corridor Legislative Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm
10 welcome to the visiting delegation.