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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Chapter of the American Planning
2 Association has been named Chapter of the Year in 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, The American Planning Association represents some
4 42,000 urban and regional planners from more than 100 countries;
5 these skilled men and women play a vital role in ensuring that all
6 facets of a community, including buildings, roads, and parks, work
7 together to function as a whole, while also helping communities
8 prepare for the challenges and opportunities of the future; and

9 WHEREAS, The association promotes good planning through
10 public information and education campaigns, assures excellence in
11 the profession by supporting the accreditation process, and
12 champions a dynamic and diverse workforce; in addition, the
13 organization offers training and assistance to planning
14 commissioners, elected officials, and engaged citizens, and it
15 advocates for planning at the national level; and

16 WHEREAS, Selected as 2019 Chapter of the Year out of 47 state
17 chapters across the nation, the Texas Chapter of the APA represents
18 over 2,500 members who work with elected and appointed officials
19 across the Lone Star State; the chapter's recent achievements
20 include conducting 10 training workshops for officials in rural
21 communities and partnering with the Texas Public Health Association
22 and the City of Canton to develop an emergency preparedness and
23 recovery tool kit for rural communities; moreover, the chapter
24 created a Hurricane Harvey recovery committee, which received a

1 \$10,500 grant from the APA Foundation for advancing recovery and
2 resilience in Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, The members of the Texas Chapter of the APA work
4 every day to help communities across the state prepare for a
5 brighter future, and they may indeed take great pride in this
6 special recognition from the national organization; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the Texas Chapter of the American
10 Planning Association on being named 2019 Chapter of the Year and
11 extend to its members sincere best wishes for continued success in
12 their important endeavors; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the Texas Chapter of the APA as an expression of high
15 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.