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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The V.G. Young Institute of County Government is
- 2 marking its 50th anniversary in 2019; and
- 3 WHEREAS, In 1969, the institute was created by the 61st
- 4 Legislature to provide educational programs and information to
- 5 county officials; as part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
- 6 Service of The Texas A&M University System, the institute can draw
- 7 on many valuable resources, and it benefits by assistance from 13
- 8 research and extension centers across the state; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The institute operates annual continuing education
- 10 schools for county judges, commissioners, tax assessor-collectors,
- 11 and human resources professionals; it works with the Texas
- 12 Association of Counties to plan educational programming for the
- 13 County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas, and it
- 14 assists in planning for regional association conferences of county
- 15 judges and commissioners; in addition, the institute is the
- 16 official educational sponsor for a variety of other programs,
- 17 conferences, and seminars for county leaders; and
- 18 WHEREAS, In partnership with the County Judges and
- 19 Commissioners Association and the Texas Association of Counties,
- 20 the institute developed the Commissioners Court Advanced
- 21 Curriculum certification program for county judges and
- 22 commissioners; the institute further promotes high-level skills
- 23 through a two-year Commissioners Court Leadership Academy; and
- 24 WHEREAS, The institute is a source of expert advice as well;

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- 1 dedicated staff members respond to questions from county officials,
- 2 extension agents, and the general public, and they are available to
- 3 advise associations for regional judges and commissioners; and
- WHEREAS, Over the course of the past half century, the
- 5 Institute of County Government has played a vital role in the
- 6 professional development of county officials across the state,
- 7 helping them to meet ever-higher standards of public service; now,
- 8 therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
- 10 Legislature hereby congratulate the V.G. Young Institute of County
- 11 Government on its 50th anniversary and commend all those associated
- 12 with the agency for their outstanding contributions; and, be it
- 13 further
- 14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 15 prepared for the institute as an expression of high regard by the
- 16 Texas House of Representatives.