RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The staff of the Texas Legislative Council has

worked diligently to meet the needs of the legislature over the

3 course of this 140-day regular session; and

4 WHEREAS, Led by executive director Jeff Archer and assistant

5 executive director Kimberly Shields, the council staff is organized

6 into five divisions--information systems, legal, research,

7 document production, and administration--each of which specializes

8 in specific areas of support; and

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9 WHEREAS, The council's information systems division provides

a range of computer-related services to the legislative branch of

11 state government; in addition to equipping member offices with PCs,

12 iPads, printers, and software, the division maintains the network

13 infrastructure for the Capitol community, develops applications,

14 and offers comprehensive training and assistance in technical

15 matters, lending its expertise through a variety of channels; and

16 WHEREAS, The attorneys, legal assistants, editors, and

17 support staff of the legal division help to craft proposed bills and

18 constitutional amendments, substitutes, amendments, conference

19 committee reports, and miscellaneous drafts and provide legal

20 advice and analysis on request; the division's legal editing team

21 also performs a dual role by carrying out the engrossing and

22 enrolling duties for the house; and

WHEREAS, The research division of the TLC is composed of

24 policy issue researchers, statistical analysts, writers, editors,

- 1 webmasters, mapmakers, and database specialists; during the
- 2 session, these staffers produce numerous senate and house amendment
- 3 and conference committee side-by-side analyses, bill analyses for
- 4 house committees, and policy, congratulatory, and memorial
- 5 resolutions; they also maintain Capweb and other useful websites;
- 6 and
- WHEREAS, Contributing to the council's efforts to serve the
- 8 legislature are the members of the TLC document production staff;
- 9 this division encompasses the data transcription, graphics,
- 10 proofreading, print shop, and document processing sections, and
- 11 over the course of the session, it produces and distributes
- 12 thousands of drafts, house official printings, and other documents;
- 13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, The council's diverse responsibilities are
- 15 supported by the staff of the administration division, who keep the
- 16 other divisions running smoothly through their efforts in the areas
- 17 of human resources, accounting and purchasing, and assurance
- 18 services; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Council staff bring to their duties precision,
- 20 creativity, knowledge, and technical expertise, serving the
- 21 legislature and the citizens of this state with stamina and
- 22 resilience as they meet the myriad challenges of a legislative
- 23 session; now, therefore, be it
- 24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
- 25 Legislature hereby recognize the staff of the Texas Legislative
- 26 Council for their work in behalf of the legislative branch of
- 27 government and the Lone Star State; and, be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 2 prepared for the council staff as an expression of high regard by
- 3 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2114 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House