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H.R. No. 2114

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The staff of the Texas Legislative Council has
2 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

9 WHEREAS, The council's information systems division provides
10 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

23 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

7 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

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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.