

By: Hughes

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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, For more than a half century, the East Texas Council of Governments has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to improving the quality of life in the communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, Founded on June 8, 1970, ETCOG promotes cooperation among local governments in East Texas on issues related to health, safety, general welfare, and planning for the future; the organization's many initiatives include an emergency call delivery system, peace officer training, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding as well as services for homeland security planning, rural transportation, workforce development, and senior care; and

WHEREAS, A voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts, and special districts, ETCOG benefits from the able leadership of executive director David Cleveland; the organization currently serves more than 870,000 people across 10,000 square miles of Texas in the counties of Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood; and

WHEREAS, The East Texas Council of Governments provides leadership, education, and financial resources to its 14-county region, and it is indeed deserving of special recognition for its many outstanding contributions; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 87th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of the East Texas Council of Governments and extend to all those associated with the organization sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the council as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.