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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The manufacturing industry in Texas is a leader in  
2 the production of countless items used by people around the world,  
3 and a steady, reliable supply of raw materials is vital to industry  
4 operations; and

5           WHEREAS, Texas companies manufacture a wide range of  
6 products, including steel, aluminum, plastics, textiles, glass,  
7 paper, and electronics; such businesses count on the availability  
8 of materials that are collected, processed, and manufactured by the  
9 state's recycling industry, whose members benefit from the  
10 expertise of the Recycling Council of Texas and the Institute of  
11 Scrap Recycling Industries; and

12           WHEREAS, The steel industry relies on ferrous scrap as its  
13 largest single raw material input, and 70 percent of all steel and  
14 stainless steel in the country is made from scrap supplied by  
15 recyclers; copper and copper alloy production is also heavily  
16 dependent on scrap as a raw material; as international supply  
17 chains have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, recycling  
18 companies have played an especially critical role, collecting,  
19 sorting, and reclaiming materials used for everything from  
20 disposable hospital gowns to electronics to packaging for food,  
21 hospital equipment, and pharmaceuticals; in addition, salvaged  
22 auto parts help vehicle owners economize on repairs and maintain  
23 reliable transportation; while producing valuable materials,  
24 recycling companies divert a host of items from landfills; and

1           WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, the recycling  
2 industry has adopted measures to protect the health of employees  
3 and customers alike; recycling industry workers have helped to  
4 sustain the manufacturing sector through a time of upheaval, and  
5 these efforts have been supported by the ongoing endeavors of  
6 industry associations; and

7           WHEREAS, The vitality of the state's manufacturing sector is  
8 a matter of tremendous importance, and the contributions of the  
9 recycling industry will remain crucial throughout the pandemic and  
10 in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby commend the Recycling Council of Texas, the  
13 Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, and their members and  
14 extend to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it  
15 further

16           RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
17 for the organizations as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
18 House of Representatives.