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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, tires,  
7 glass, paper, paper products, and electronics; such businesses  
8 count on the availability of materials that are collected,  
9 processed, and manufactured by the state's recycling industry,  
10 whose members benefit from the expertise of the Recycling Council  
11 of Texas and the Institute of 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; as international supply chains have been disrupted by  
16 the COVID-19 pandemic, recycling companies have played an  
17 especially critical role, collecting, sorting, and reclaiming  
18 materials used for everything from disposable hospital gowns to  
19 toilet paper to electronics to packaging for food, hospital  
20 equipment, and pharmaceuticals; in addition, salvaged auto parts  
21 help vehicle owners economize on repairs and maintain reliable  
22 transportation; while producing valuable materials, recycling  
23 companies divert a host of items from landfills; and

24           WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, the recycling

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

6 WHEREAS, Texas' recycling industry has collected, repaired,  
7 and redeployed tens of thousands of mobile technology devices,  
8 becoming an alternate supplier to education and corporate entities,  
9 facilitating students' remote learning, and supporting our great  
10 citizens working from home when international supply chains were  
11 disrupted during the pandemic, causing shortages of these devices;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Texas' recycling industry has collected, sorted,  
14 processed, and delivered fiber to paper, containerboard, and  
15 paperboard mills to be used in manufacturing essential products,  
16 including tissue products, pulp used in diapers and other personal  
17 hygiene products, papers for communication and education,  
18 building/construction products, and packaging for food, beverages,  
19 food service, cleaning supplies, pharmaceuticals, medical  
20 equipment, and other essential consumer products; and

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

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
26 Legislature hereby commend the Recycling Council of Texas, the  
27 Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, and their members and

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1 extend to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it  
2 further

3         RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
4 for the organizations as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
5 House of Representatives.