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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In spring 2021, the Archer Center celebrates the 2 20th anniversary of the Archer Center and the Bill Archer 3 Fellowship Program in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, The Archer Center, founded in spring 2001 by Congressman Bill Archer, is where Texas meets the world. As the Washington, D.C., campus of The University of Texas System, the Archer Center provides talented undergraduate, graduate, and medical students from across The U. T. System's academic and health institutions with the opportunity to live, learn, and intern in the nation's capital; and

11 WHEREAS, The Archer Fellowship Program is a unique academic 12 and experiential learning program that develops the next generation 13 of leaders for local, state, federal, and international service by 14 introducing highly accomplished students from the State of Texas to 15 the federal policy process; and

16 WHEREAS, The Archer Center's vision is to develop public- and 17 private-sector leaders who understand the federal policymaking 18 process, are able to solve relevant policy problems, contribute to 19 improved civic engagement and civil society, and who elevate the 20 public discourse about policy and politics; and

21 WHEREAS, Archer Fellows spend a transformative and impactful 22 semester interning for a variety of public and private 23 organizations including the White House, Congress, and the 24 U.S. Supreme Court; more than 1,500 students have participated in

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1 the Archer Center's semester-long and summer programs since its 2 inception; and

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3 WHEREAS, The Archer Fellowship elevates the reputation of U. T. institutions and their students. It has served as a 4 5 springboard for graduate and professional careers at prestigious universities and medical centers such as Harvard University, Yale 6 University, and the University of Oxford, as well as virtually 7 8 every U. T. institution. The program has also enabled students to enter high impact careers in the public and private sector. Archer 9 10 Fellows have been awarded many distinguished scholarships, including the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, the Marshall 11 Scholarship, the Rhodes Scholarship, the Schwarzman Scholarship, 12 and the Fulbright Scholarship; and 13

WHEREAS, The Archer Center was founded in January 2001 by Congressman Bill Archer upon his retirement from the United States House of Representatives after a 40-year career in service to his nation in local, state, and federal government, including service in the Texas House of Representatives; and

19 WHEREAS, The Archer Center is a proud continuation of former 20 Chairman of the Congressional House Ways and Means Committee 21 Congressman Bill Archer's legacy of public service;

22 WHEREAS, In special recognition of Congressman Bill Archer's 23 93rd birthday on March 22, 2021, and the Archer Center's milestone 24 anniversary and impactful 20 years of serving Texas students; now, 25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
27 Legislature hereby commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Archer

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H.R. No. 261 1 Center, 20 years of Archer Fellows, as well as the Chairman's 93rd 2 birthday; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 261 was adopted by the House on March 18, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House