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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, The Archer Center, founded in spring 2001 by
5 Congressman Bill Archer, is where Texas meets the world. As the
6 Washington, D.C., campus of The University of Texas System, the
7 Archer Center provides talented undergraduate, graduate, and
8 medical students from across The U.T. System's academic and health
9 institutions with the opportunity to live, learn, and intern in the
10 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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, The Archer Center was founded in January 2001 by
15 Congressman Bill Archer upon his retirement from the United States
16 House of Representatives after a 40-year career in service to his
17 nation in local, state, and federal government, including service
18 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;
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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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.