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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jerry W. Jones Jr., economic development director
2 for the City of Richmond, is the recipient of a 2021 Economic
3 Development 40 Under 40 Award from Development Counsellors
4 International and Jorgenson Consulting; and

5 WHEREAS, This biennial accolade recognizes professionals
6 under the age of 40 whose innovative leadership and diverse skill
7 sets are helping to build inclusive and equitable economies and
8 resilient communities; selected from more than 200 nominees, Jerry
9 Jones was among the 40 individuals honored on March 16 at a virtual
10 awards ceremony held in conjunction with the International Economic
11 Development Council Leadership Summit; and

12 WHEREAS, Named the Richmond economic development director in
13 November 2020, Mr. Jones oversees project management, among other
14 duties, and brings more than a decade of experience in workforce
15 development and regional outreach to his new role; he previously
16 worked in Louisiana as director of economic development for the
17 Baton Rouge North Economic Development District and St. John the
18 Baptist Parish, and he has also served as project manager for the
19 Central Louisiana Business Incubator, as economic developer for the
20 Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning and Development Commission,
21 and as CEO for the Lake Charles North Redevelopment Authority; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has further distinguished himself through
23 his civic engagement, serving on the Alexandria City Council as
24 well as on a number of boards and commissions; he also belongs to

1 the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Jno G. Lewis Jr. Lodge No. 261;
2 he holds a political science degree from Southern University and
3 Agricultural & Mechanical College and True South Basic
4 Certification in Economic Development from the University of
5 Southern Mississippi; moreover, he completed the Economic
6 Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma and the
7 Authentic Leadership program at the Harvard University John F.
8 Kennedy School of Government; and

9 WHEREAS, Jerry Jones has set an outstanding example of
10 leadership in his field and in his community, and he may indeed take
11 justifiable pride in his many achievements; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Jerry W. Jones Jr. on his receipt
14 of a 2021 Economic Development 40 Under 40 Award and extend to him
15 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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