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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Psychological Association is celebrating  
2 its 75th anniversary in 2022; and

3 WHEREAS, TPA traces its origins to 1947, when its founding  
4 officers met to establish an organization that would advance  
5 psychology as a science and as a means of promoting human welfare;  
6 the following year, a constitution was drafted and adopted by the  
7 original 60 members at the association's first annual meeting, and  
8 the group soon became a state affiliate of the American  
9 Psychological Association; and

10 WHEREAS, Originally focused on the sharing of scientific  
11 information through scholarly research and presentations, TPA  
12 eventually began to place more emphasis on professional practice  
13 aspects of the discipline such as licensure, education of  
14 practitioners, and applications of psychological knowledge in  
15 direct human services; in 1969, the group's legislative committee  
16 successfully advocated for the passage of the Psychologist's  
17 Certification and Licensing Act, which established the Texas State  
18 Board of Examiners of Psychologists and is still considered one of  
19 the organization's most significant contributions; and

20 WHEREAS, Today, TPA supports all branches of psychology, with  
21 divisions dedicated to applied psychology, school psychology,  
22 professional training, and other aspects of the discipline;  
23 moreover, its committees cover such areas as continuing education,  
24 public information, ethics, professional standards review, and

1 legislation; the organization also sponsors educational meetings  
2 and workshops, an annual convention, and a journal, *Texas*  
3 *Psychologist*; and

4       WHEREAS, For three-quarters of a century, the Texas  
5 Psychological Association has represented and enhanced the  
6 profession of psychology in Texas, while contributing to its  
7 citizens' health and well-being through education, science, and  
8 practice; now, therefore, be it

9       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Texas  
11 Psychological Association and extend to all those affiliated with  
12 the organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it  
13 further

14       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
16 House of Representatives.