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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Justin Wade Perez is stepping down as chief of staff 2 in the office of State Representative Celia Israel in 2021, drawing 3 to a close a notable tenure in the state legislature that has 4 spanned eight years and five legislative sessions; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Perez first served as a legislative aide in the 6 office of State Representative Mary Gonzalez during the 83rd 7 Legislature; he joined Representative Israel's office the 8 following session, serving as an aide and as director of operations 9 before being named chief of staff in 2018; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Perez has worked with dozens of members of the 11 House Democratic Caucus, and in the 86th Legislature he served on 12 the staff of the first-ever Texas House LGBTQ Caucus; during his 13 tenure with Representative Israel, he has organized daily floor 14 briefings, prepared memos and vote recommendations, and served as a 15 liaison to other offices and officials, and his committed efforts 16 have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Since 2013, Mr. Perez has also served as a political 17 consultant in more than 50 races, from state house to judge, and in 18 2020 he served as deputy executive director of the Texas House 19 20 Democratic Campaign Committee; he has been a member of the 21 Fundraising Committee of Con Mi Madre, a DACA clinic volunteer and application fundraiser, a delegate to the Democratic National 22 23 Convention, and a member of the Planned Parenthood community board, and he has served Travis County as a Democratic Party precinct 24

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1 chair, elections clerk, and voter registrar; and

2 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, 3 Mr. Perez holds a bachelor's degree in government and another in 4 communication studies; he will soon embark on a new chapter, 5 joining the staff of Future Now; and

6 WHEREAS, For five legislative sessions, this esteemed public 7 employee has performed his duties with skill and dedication, and he 8 may indeed take great pride in his many achievements as he pursues 9 the challenges and opportunities of a new position; now, therefore, 10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas 12 Legislature hereby commend Justin Wade Perez for his service to the 13 Texas Legislature and extend to him sincere best wishes for 14 continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

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

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