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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Semiconductors, often referred to as "integrated
- 2 circuits" or "microchips," are an essential component of nearly all
- 3 electronic devices, including cell phones, televisions, computers,
- 4 automobiles, and advanced medical devices; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Texas has been a world leader in the development of
- 6 semiconductors since 1958, when Texas Instruments engineer Jack
- 7 Kilby invented the world's first integrated circuit; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The semiconductor workforce of Texas is the second
- 9 largest in the United States, and it is the sixth largest
- 10 manufacturing sector in Texas, employing 41,500 Texans with an
- 11 average annual salary of \$95,021; and
- 12 WHEREAS, The United States' share of global semiconductor
- 13 manufacturing capacity has decreased from 37 percent in 1990 to 12
- 14 percent today, despite a global semiconductor shortage that has
- 15 significantly increased demand; and
- WHEREAS, On June 11, 2020, United States Senator John Cornyn
- 17 and Congressman Michael McCaul introduced the Creating Helpful
- 18 Incentives to Produce Semiconductors for America Act or the "CHIPS
- 19 for America Act," which proposes investments for semiconductor
- 20 manufacturing facilities, matches funds for local incentives for
- 21 semiconductor facility construction, and supports semiconductor
- 22 research and development; and
- WHEREAS, On March 31, 2021, President Joseph Biden announced
- 24 his support for the "CHIPS for America Act," or any proposal to

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1 invest \$50 billion in semiconductor manufacturing and research; and

2 WHEREAS, Semiconductor manufacturing and research have

3 played an instrumental role in the economy of both Texas and the

4 United States, and Congress should take swift action to ensure that

5 the nation remains at the forefront of this vital industry; now,

6 therefore, be it

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7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas

8 Legislature hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United

9 States to pass the "CHIPS for America Act" or any legislation that

10 substantially increases the United States' investments in

11 semiconductor manufacturing and research; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official

copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to

14 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of

15 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the

16 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that it

17 be entered into the Congressional record as a memorial to the

18 Congress of the United States of America.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1993 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House