

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Southern Methodist University Geothermal Lab is  
2 celebrating its 51st anniversary in 2021; and

3           WHEREAS, Established in 1970, the lab studies geothermal  
4 energy and explores opportunities for its use in various settings,  
5 from providing heat to individual buildings to powering entire  
6 cities; the lab's many initiatives include academic research, the  
7 development of geothermal maps, and a number of important projects  
8 that advance the understanding of geothermal resources throughout  
9 the United States; moreover, lab reports show that the amount of  
10 extractable geothermal energy in South Texas can run power plants  
11 for centuries, highlighting the state's potential role as a global  
12 leader in the geothermal energy industry; and

13           WHEREAS, In addition to facilitating research, the SMU  
14 Geothermal Lab conducts well logging with high precision  
15 temperature-depth measurements and analyzes samples to measure  
16 thermal conductivity for commercial clients; the lab also works to  
17 educate the public through its Power Plays conference and various  
18 publications, such as informative papers, a monthly newsletter, a  
19 blog, and classroom materials; and

20           WHEREAS, The skillful and hardworking faculty, staff, and  
21 students of the SMU Geothermal Lab are building on a tradition of  
22 excellence, and the 51st anniversary of the lab offers a welcome  
23 opportunity to recognize the vital contributions that it has made  
24 to the energy industry; now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby congratulate the SMU Geothermal Lab on its 51st  
3 anniversary and extend to all those associated with the research  
4 facility sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
5 further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for the lab as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
8 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2077 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House