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R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Texas State Parks was recognized with the National

2 Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management

3 by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration on

4 October 11, 2023; and

5   WHEREAS, Since 1965, the Gold Medal Awards program has

6 honored park and recreation agencies across the United States that

7 demonstrate excellence in their work; organizations are judged on

8 their ability to address the needs of the public they serve and on

9 the basis of such criteria as long-range planning, resource

10 management, environmental stewardship, and program development;

11 and

12   WHEREAS, This coveted recognition is made all the more

13 meaningful by the fact that it coincides with the 100th anniversary

14 of the Texas State Parks system; the agency has excelled at

15 preserving the natural beauty of the state parks, which are visited

16 by more than nine million people annually, as well as through its

17 efforts to increase accessibility and to invite new audiences to

18 enjoy the parks; and

19   WHEREAS, Texas' state parks system is a source of immense

20 pride to the residents of the Lone Star State, and the outstanding

21 reputation that it enjoys is further strengthened by its receipt of

22 this prestigious national honor; now, therefore, be it

23   RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 3rd

24 Called Session, hereby congratulate Texas State Parks on its

1 receipt of the 2023 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park

2 and Recreation Management from the American Academy for Park and

3 Recreation Administration and commend all those affiliated with

4 Texas State Parks for their contributions; and, be it further

5   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

6 prepared for Texas State Parks as an expression of high regard by

7 the Texas Senate.