

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Mr. Wea Lee and the International Trade Center Community Empowerment Organization of Houston on the occasion of the organization's 21st anniversary, which is being celebrated with a gala on November 17, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, The International Trade Center of Houston was established in 2002 by founder Wea Lee; Mr. Lee, a business magnate who publishes the *Southern Chinese Daily News* and prints over 50 international news publications, founded the trade center to encourage and facilitate international business in Houston; and

**WHEREAS**, The organization has played an important role in promoting global financial activity and diversifying the local economy in Houston; the ITC Community Empowerment Organization has hosted more than 200 community and international events since its inception in 2002 and continues to support and vitalize communities and industries in the Houston metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS**, The organization has played a crucial and productive role in facilitating relationships between Houston businesses and new global partners, and it is indeed fitting that it receive special recognition on more than two decades of success; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend Mr. Wea Lee and the members of the ITC Community Empowerment Organization on their commitment to Houston's growth and prosperity and extend to all best wishes for a memorable 21st anniversary celebration; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organization as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on November 16, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate