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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of Best Southwest Partnership and
2 Leadership Southwest are visiting the State Capitol on February 15,
3 2023, to gain further insight about state government; and

4 WHEREAS, Best Southwest Partnership was established in 1986
5 by Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, and Lancaster; after a 2016
6 expansion that added Ferris, Glenn Heights, Hutchins, Ovilla, Red
7 Oak, and Wilmer, the organization now includes 10 cities and 17
8 partner hospitals, colleges, universities, banks, utilities, and
9 other businesses that work together to encourage economic,
10 legislative, and educational well-being for Southwest Dallas and
11 North Ellis Counties; today, the organization is overseen by its
12 current chair, Patricia Coleman; and

13 WHEREAS, Founded in 1985, Leadership Southwest is a
14 nine-month program that offers networking opportunities and
15 seminars with leaders in the fields of education, law enforcement,
16 government, health, economic development, and transportation;
17 participants share a common goal of working for the public good and
18 encouraging growth in Southwest Dallas County; and

19 WHEREAS, The Leadership Southwest Class of 2023 includes
20 Katie Avant, Tyler Agee, Terrie Brooks, Elsa Brown, the Honorable
21 Sonja Brown, Curtis Brumfield, Mone Bryant, Marvin Charles, Junior
22 Dikousman, Tiaira Erwin, Leigh Ferguson, Kimberly Florsheim, Ken
23 Frazier, Natasha Harris, Linda Highwood, Brittaney Humphrey,
24 Janice James, Joanna James, George Johnson, Alisa Jones, David

1 Kees, Becky Lewis, Shellye Lyons, Tshomba Mayers, the Honorable
2 Elishima Myles, Mayra Ortiz, Bryson Owensby, Crystal Perry, Mayor
3 Shelia Petta, Irma Scholes, Derek Soper, Andy Taylor, Jeremy
4 Tennant, Eugene Walker Jr., Yolonda Woodson, Alicia Thomas,
5 Charlondra Thompson, Janelle Valera, Cheryl Vaughan, Nicole Young,
6 the Honorable Pamela Wash, Amanda Skinner, and Amanda Torres; the
7 program benefits from the able guidance of its executive director,
8 Amanda Skinner, as well as that of its board chair, Kenneth Govan;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Endeavoring to foster a more informed and involved
11 citizenry and to develop new leaders, the members of Best Southwest
12 Partnership and Leadership Southwest are helping to build a
13 brighter future for the Lone Star State, and it is indeed a pleasure
14 to recognize them on this special day; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize February 15, 2023, as Best Southwest
17 Partnership Day at the State Capitol and extend to all participants
18 sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in
19 Austin.