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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, John Ratcliffe of Heath was sworn in as director of  
2 the Central Intelligence Agency on January 23, 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, The first former national intelligence director to  
4 lead the CIA, Director Ratcliffe brings to his new role a wealth of  
5 experience in national security; as director of national  
6 intelligence, he led a shift in the intelligence community's  
7 priorities to gain a strategic advantage over the People's Republic  
8 of China, and he increased China-focused spending in the  
9 intelligence community by 20 percent; as a member of the National  
10 Space Council, he made the historic decision to add the U.S. Space  
11 Force as the 18th member of the intelligence community, thereby  
12 elevating space as a key intelligence domain; in addition, he  
13 played an important role in numerous operations to remove  
14 designated terrorist leaders from the battlefield; and

15 WHEREAS, Director Ratcliffe received the National Security  
16 Medal, the country's highest honor in this realm, for his  
17 achievements as both national intelligence director and as a member  
18 of Congress; before his confirmation to the cabinet post, he  
19 represented the Fourth Congressional District of Texas for more  
20 than five years; he was a leading policymaker as a member of the  
21 House Intelligence, Homeland Security, and Judiciary Committees;  
22 moreover, he chaired the Homeland Security Subcommittee on  
23 Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security  
24 Technologies and oversaw the passage of more than a dozen major

1 cybersecurity bills; and

2           WHEREAS, During the George W. Bush administration, Director  
3 Ratcliffe served as chief of anti-terrorism and national security  
4 for the Eastern District of Texas; he was later appointed U.S.  
5 attorney for the district; a former mayor of Heath, he has also  
6 worked in the private sector as a consultant on national and  
7 international security issues, and he has shared his expertise as a  
8 member of numerous boards; he holds a bachelor's degree in  
9 government and international studies from the University of Notre  
10 Dame and a juris doctor degree from Southern Methodist University  
11 School of Law; and

12           WHEREAS, John Ratcliffe has demonstrated an unyielding  
13 commitment to national security throughout his noteworthy career in  
14 public service, and as he takes on this exciting new challenge, he  
15 may indeed reflect with pride on his accomplishments to date; now,  
16 therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby congratulate John Ratcliffe on his appointment  
19 as director of the Central Intelligence Agency and extend to him  
20 sincere best wishes for a successful tenure; and, be it further

21           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for Director Ratcliffe as an expression of high regard by  
23 the Texas House of Representatives.