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H.R. No. 544

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Small Business Development
2 Center Network are celebrating Texas Small Business Development
3 Center Day on March 19, 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, The Texas SBDC Network is part of America's SBDC, a
5 national program established by the Small Business Development
6 Center Act of 1979, which was first introduced in the U.S. Senate in
7 March 1977 before its passage two years later; since its inception,
8 America's SBDC has grown to include approximately 1,000 service
9 centers and more than 5,000 professional business advisors who
10 provide personalized and confidential assistance to small business
11 owners; today, the Texas SBDC encompasses four lead offices at
12 universities and colleges across the state and over 40 field and
13 specialty centers in urban and rural areas; and

14 WHEREAS, For more than four decades, the Texas SBDC has
15 provided business consulting at no cost to clients and has offered
16 affordable training to guide small businesses through every stage
17 of development; in 2024, the organization helped businesses access
18 over \$421 million in financing; moreover, it is estimated that the
19 network's efforts in the past year saved or created more than 33,000
20 jobs, and companies affiliated with the organization generated
21 approximately \$703 million in new sales and over \$81 million in tax
22 revenue; and

23 WHEREAS, The Texas SBDC Network has contributed immeasurably
24 to the success of numerous new and existing companies, and in so

1 doing, it has greatly enhanced the economic prosperity of the Lone
2 Star State; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize March 19, 2025, as Texas Small
5 Business Development Center Day and extend to all those associated
6 with the Texas Small Business Development Center Network sincere
7 best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable celebration; and, be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the Texas SBDC Network as an expression of high regard
11 by the Texas House of Representatives.