

By: Hayes

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of the PowerHouse Texas Energy Policy
2 Fellowship Program have provided indispensable support during the
3 89th Legislative Session; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded by the Texas Energy and Climate Caucus,
5 PowerHouse Texas is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization that
6 educates and cultivates policy leaders who will promote energy
7 innovation, security, and sustainability; the group's Energy
8 Policy Fellowship Program enables graduate and undergraduate
9 students with backgrounds in science, technology, engineering, and
10 environmental science to work at the Texas Capitol through
11 full-time, paid internships; and

12 WHEREAS, The initiative pairs fellows with members of the
13 Texas House of Representatives and Senate, providing opportunities
14 for the students to develop their leadership skills and gain
15 valuable experience in policymaking and the legislative process;
16 during their tenure, the interns also meet regularly with energy
17 technology experts, legislative staff, researchers, academics, and
18 other stakeholders; this year's cohort includes six students; and

19 WHEREAS, Andie Kapiroff is serving in the office of State
20 Senator Nathan Johnson; a native of Houston, she holds a bachelor's
21 degree in political science from Swarthmore College and a master's
22 degree in climate and society from Columbia University; passionate
23 about environmental and energy law and policy, she plans to attend
24 law school after the conclusion of her fellowship; and

1 WHEREAS, Ava Peinhardt is serving in the office of State
2 Representative Todd Hunter; hailing from the Dallas-Fort Worth
3 area, she recently graduated from Trinity University with a
4 bachelor's degree in environmental studies; while developing her
5 writing skills as a student, she gained an interest in science
6 communication and environmental policy; and

7 WHEREAS, Coleman Nickum is serving in the office of State
8 Representative Erin Zwiener; a recent graduate of Rice University's
9 Professional Science Master's Program, he has interned with BCarbon
10 and Cheniere Energy; he has also been employed with the Texas
11 Commission on Environmental Quality as the lead coordinator for the
12 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Resource Exchange
13 Network for Eliminating Waste (RENEW) programs; and

14 WHEREAS, Grace Childers is serving in the office of State
15 Representative Richard Hayes; a recent graduate of The University
16 of Texas at Austin, she holds a bachelor's degree in chemical
17 engineering; her experience in hydrogen energy systems includes
18 working as an undergraduate research assistant at the Center for
19 Electromechanics; and

20 WHEREAS, Nia Nickens is serving in the office of State
21 Representative Rafael Anchía; she recently earned her master's
22 degree in energy from Texas A&M University, where she contributed
23 to a techno-economic analysis of the electrification of
24 transportation systems in Dallas, and she has a deep interest in
25 finding ways to reduce energy burdens in low-income communities;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Shipra Mishra is serving in the office of State

1 Representative Drew Darby; her experience in law and energy policy
2 includes positions with a member of the Indian Parliament and the
3 Government of India Ministry of Mines, and she has consulted with
4 the U.S. Government Accountability Office; she holds a bachelor of
5 laws degree from Gujarat National Law University and a master of
6 public administration degree from Cornell University, where she has
7 conducted research at the Climate Jobs Institute; and

8 WHEREAS, These outstanding fellows have performed their
9 duties with skill and dedication, and they are indeed deserving of
10 special recognition for their fine work; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
12 Legislature hereby commend the members of the PowerHouse Texas
13 Energy Policy Fellowship Program for their service during the 89th
14 Legislative Session and extend to them sincere best wishes for the
15 future; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
17 for the program's participants as an expression of high regard by
18 the Texas House of Representatives.