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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Over the course of this 140-day regular session, the  
2 staff of the Texas Legislative Council has worked diligently to  
3 meet the needs of the legislature; and

4 WHEREAS, The council is led by executive director Jeff  
5 Archer, who draws on more than 40 years of experience with the  
6 agency and is relied on throughout the Capitol community for his  
7 expertise in a broad range of subject areas, and by assistant  
8 executive director Kimberly Shields, long valued for her wisdom,  
9 problem-solving abilities, and meticulous organizational skills;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The leadership team, supported by the agency's  
12 irrepressible general counsel Jon Heining, coordinates the  
13 operation of the five TLC divisions--information systems, legal,  
14 research, document production, and administration--each of which  
15 specializes in specific areas of support; and

16 WHEREAS, Guided by division director Jennifer Sherrill, the  
17 council's information systems division provides a range of  
18 computer-related services to the legislative branch of state  
19 government; in addition to equipping member offices with PCs,  
20 iPads, printers, and software, the division maintains the network  
21 infrastructure for the Capitol community, develops applications,  
22 and offers comprehensive training and assistance in technical  
23 matters, lending its expertise through a variety of channels; and

24 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of division director Mike

1 Marshall, the attorneys, legal assistants, editors, and support  
2 staff of the legal division help to craft proposed bills and  
3 constitutional amendments, substitutes, amendments, conference  
4 committee reports, and miscellaneous drafts and provide legal  
5 advice and analysis on request; the division's legal editing team  
6 also performs a dual role by carrying out the engrossing and  
7 enrolling duties for the House of Representatives; and

8 WHEREAS, The research division, led by division director  
9 Julie Calhoun, is composed of the mapping & redistricting, policy  
10 research & bill analysis, research editing, resolutions &  
11 publications, and special projects sections; during the session,  
12 division staff produce numerous bill analyses for House committees,  
13 resolutions and certificates, and side-by-side analyses; moreover,  
14 they support the redistricting process, provide mapping and  
15 statistical services, and maintain Capweb, Texas Redistricting,  
16 and other useful websites; and

17 WHEREAS, Contributing to the council's efforts to serve the  
18 legislature are the members of the TLC document production staff;  
19 division director Robert Sandoz manages sections that handle data  
20 transcription, proofreading, printing, and document processing &  
21 delivery; over the course of the session, the division produces and  
22 distributes thousands of drafts, House official printings, and  
23 other documents; and

24 WHEREAS, The council's diverse responsibilities are  
25 supported by the staff of the administration division, who keep the  
26 other divisions running smoothly through their efforts in the areas  
27 of human resources, accounting and purchasing, and assurance

1 services; and

2 WHEREAS, Council staff bring to their duties precision,  
3 creativity, knowledge, and technical expertise, serving the  
4 legislature and the citizens of this state with stamina and  
5 resilience as they meet the myriad challenges of a legislative  
6 session; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commend the staff of the Texas Legislative  
9 Council for its work in behalf of the legislative branch of  
10 government and the Lone Star State; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for the council as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.