

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

WHEREAS, Heather Keister of Lubbock was named the 2024 Engineer of the Year by the South Plains Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers; and

WHEREAS, The highest honor given to a TSPE member, this prestigious accolade recognizes an individual whose work has advanced the engineering profession while making a meaningful difference in their community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Keister has more than two decades of experience in civil engineering, and she has specialized in stormwater, transportation, infrastructure, planning, and development; in 2013, she helped to establish the Freese and Nichols office in Lubbock, and under her able leadership, the engineering, planning, and consulting firm has played an instrumental role in numerous infrastructure projects in West Texas and has expanded its presence in the region; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of her tenure with Freese and Nichols, Ms. Keister has been involved in projects such as the City of Lubbock road bond program, for which she spearheaded the citizen committee, and she led the development of the 2023 Upper Brazos Regional Flood Plan; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Keister has served on committees and boards for Lubbock Area United Way, the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, the City of Lubbock, the TSPE South Plains Chapter, Leadership Lubbock, and the Texas Chapter of the American Public Works Association; she has further distinguished herself as a trusted mentor to engineering students, and she has delivered a number of presentations at Texas Tech University; among her many honors, she was named the 2024 Businessperson of the Year by the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Heather Keister's dedication, expertise, and commitment to excellence have greatly benefited her fellow Texans and earned her the respect and admiration of her peers, and she may indeed reflect with pride on her accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby congratulate Heather Keister on being named the 2024 Engineer of the Year by the South Plains Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Ms. Keister as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Perry

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 29, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate