

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ENACTING LEGISLATION
TO CREATE A TEXAS ADVANCED RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

WHEREAS, none of the 17 national laboratories funded by the federal government are located in the State of Texas, resulting in extensive missed research opportunities for the State to participate in advancements in technology, energy, and medicine/biotech innovations for the future; and

WHEREAS, State legislation to create a Texas Advanced Research Institute (the “Institute”) could alleviate the effects of such missed opportunities by facilitating the coordination of advanced research efforts by stakeholders and position this State as a leader in all areas of research, particularly in energy, medicine and biotech; and

WHEREAS, after being initially funded by the State’s general revenue, the Institute’s operations would be funded by the State’s share of royalties, license fees and profits generated by its inventions and discoveries; and

WHEREAS, in addition to having a workforce development function to collaborate with the private sector, universities, and other stakeholders to develop skills for the jobs of the future, the Institute could benefit the State by attracting a significant portion of global and national research and development funding and a wide financial range of investors to participate in these efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, finds that this resolution serves a public purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County supports legislation to create a Texas Advanced Research Institute to promote efforts for research opportunities to participate in advancements in technology, energy, and medicine/biotech innovations for the future.

Adopted by the Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court this 17th day of December 2024.

County Judge KP George

Commissioner Vincent Morales, Precinct 1

Commissioner Grady Prestage, Precinct 2

Commissioner Andy Meyers, Precinct 3

Commissioner Dexter McCoy, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Laura Richard, County Clerk