

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 80

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Ryland Homes' Central Texas Division on its selection by the National Association of Home Builders Research Center as the 2003 Energy Value Housing Award Builder of the Year and a 2003 Gold award winner; and

WHEREAS, The Energy Value Housing Award honors builders who voluntarily integrate energy efficiency into the design, construction, and marketing of their new homes; Ryland Homes' Central Texas Division was recognized for exemplifying the best practices in building energy-efficient and environmentally sensitive homes; and

WHEREAS, To provide buyers with comfort and energy usage guarantee, Ryland Homes' Central Texas Division offers such energy features as blown-in cellulose insulated walls, insulated windows with low solar heat gain, and a non-freon refrigerant air conditioning system; the company also carries out multiple performance-based tests that guard against building performance problems; and

WHEREAS, Headquartered in Southern California, Ryland Homes has been in business for more than 35 years and builds 1,000 homes annually in Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Ryland Homes' Central Texas Division was the first production builder to receive the coveted three star designation from the City of Austin's Green Building Program; the company has also earned the Environmental Protection Agency's energy STAR designation, which recognizes a builder for

constructing homes that use 30 percent less energy than homes that meet the national model energy code standards; and

WHEREAS, By meeting the highest standards of environmentally sensitive building construction, Ryland Homes' Central Texas Division has become an industry leader and has ushered in an innovative era of home building; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Ryland Homes' Central Texas Division for distinguishing itself in the home building industry and extend congratulations to all associated with the company on earning highest recognition from the National Association of Home Builders Research Center; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Ryland Homes' Central Texas Division as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Barrientos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 30, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate