

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 98

WHEREAS, In 1978, TIBH Industries, Incorporated, and the Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities launched a program designed to promote vocational rehabilitation through special contracts for Texas workers with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The creation of the landmark State Use Program has paved the way for the development of business initiatives that provide employment opportunities for Texans with a range of disabilities, including mental retardation, mental health and chemical disorders, learning disabilities, visual impairment, physical impairment, hearing impairment, and brain injury; and

WHEREAS, TIBH Industries, Incorporated, and the Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities continue to play a pivotal role in increasing opportunities for disabled citizens; these organizations facilitate more than \$23 million in annual wages for hardworking Texans and contribute to the self-esteem and sense of accomplishment of the program's participants; and

WHEREAS, TIBH Industries, Incorporated, and the Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities have established a successful State Use Program; these organizations continue to serve as a catalyst for employment opportunities for workers with disabilities and benefit citizens throughout the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby designate February 12, 2003, as State Use Program "Works Wonders" Day at the Capitol and extend best wishes to the many individuals who support and participate in this program.

Shapleigh

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 12, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate