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H.C.R. No. 173

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The well-being of the people of Texas depends on  
2 economic prosperity throughout the state, and independent  
3 businesses that employ Texans and contribute to local trade and  
4 industry are important components of a healthy economy and a  
5 successful future; and

6           WHEREAS, Edwards Abstract and Title Company has served the  
7 needs of businesses and residents of the Rio Grande Valley since  
8 1880, when Judge James Henry Edwards founded the company; after his  
9 death in 1925, his widow, Lizzie Edwards, and her sons, Cecil and  
10 James Edwards, continued to run this thriving family business,  
11 which they incorporated in 1926; and

12           WHEREAS, In 1984, Jesse Hedrick purchased the company, and  
13 during his 15 years of ownership he expanded the business from its  
14 headquarters in downtown Edinburg to locations in McAllen, Weslaco,  
15 Mission, and Sharyland Plantation; the current president and  
16 director, Byron Jay Lewis, has ably led the company since 2001; and

17           WHEREAS, Edwards Abstract and Title Company is recognized as  
18 a strong supporter and contributor to many civic and nonprofit  
19 organizations in South Texas; many of the company's employees  
20 volunteer their time to a number of worthy endeavors, including  
21 area churches, chambers of commerce, Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis Clubs,  
22 Lions Clubs, the Greater McAllen Association of Realtors, the  
23 Women's Council of Realtors, and the Hidalgo County Bar  
24 Association, to name a few; and

1           WHEREAS, For 125 years, Edwards Abstract and Title Company  
2 has enriched the lives of the residents of the Rio Grande Valley by  
3 serving many local leading businesses and industries, by employing  
4 nearly 80 area Texans who share in the success of the company, and  
5 by helping those individuals who are interested in owning their own  
6 homes; it is a pleasure to acknowledge the company's rich history  
7 and long tradition of service; now, therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
9 hereby commend Edwards Abstract and Title Company on the 125th  
10 anniversary of its founding and pay tribute to all those associated  
11 with the business, both past and present; and, be it further

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