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S.B. No. 920

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to creating the Texas Treasure Award to honor businesses  
3 that have existed in Texas for 50 years or more.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 442, Government Code, is amended by  
6 adding Section 442.019 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 442.019. TEXAS TREASURE AWARDS. (a) The commission  
8 shall create the Texas Treasure Award program to honor businesses  
9 that have existed in this state providing employment and supporting  
10 the Texas economy for 50 years or more.

11 (b) Any person may nominate a business that meets the  
12 criteria described by Subsection (a) to the commission for  
13 consideration to receive the award.

14 (c) The commission shall establish separate levels of  
15 recognition for businesses that have existed in this state  
16 providing employment and supporting the Texas economy for at least  
17 50 years, at least 75 years, at least 100 years, and at least 125  
18 years.

19 (d) The commission shall periodically select businesses to  
20 receive Texas Treasure Awards for the various levels of recognition  
21 as the commission considers appropriate considering the  
22 significance of the contribution of each business to this state.  
23 The commission shall honor the recipient of a Texas Treasure Award  
24 by presenting the recipient with a suitable plaque that includes

1 the business's level of recognition and other appropriate  
2 information.

3 (e) The commission shall notify the state senator and state  
4 representative in whose districts a recipient's principal place of  
5 business in this state is located. The commission, the recipient,  
6 and the state senator and state representative shall cooperate in  
7 determining whether the ceremony at which the plaque honoring the  
8 recipient will be presented will be held in the hall of the senate,  
9 in the hall of the house of representatives, in the municipality or  
10 general area in which the recipient's principal place of business  
11 in this state is located, or in another suitable location.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.