

1-1 By: Van de Putte S.B. No. 920  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2005; March 14, 2005, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Subcommittee on Emerging Technologies  
1-4 and Economic Development; April 11, 2005, reported favorably to  
1-5 Committee on Business and Commerce; April 18, 2005, reported  
1-6 favorably from Committee on Business and Commerce by the following  
1-7 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 18, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to creating the Texas Treasure Award to honor businesses  
1-11 that have existed in Texas for 50 years or more.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Chapter 442, Government Code, is amended by  
1-14 adding Section 442.019 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 442.019. TEXAS TREASURE AWARDS. (a) The commission  
1-16 shall create the Texas Treasure Award program to honor businesses  
1-17 that have existed in this state providing employment and supporting  
1-18 the Texas economy for 50 years or more.

1-19 (b) Any person may nominate a business that meets the  
1-20 criteria described by Subsection (a) to the commission for  
1-21 consideration to receive the award.

1-22 (c) The commission shall establish separate levels of  
1-23 recognition for businesses that have existed in this state  
1-24 providing employment and supporting the Texas economy for at least  
1-25 50 years, at least 75 years, at least 100 years, and at least 125  
1-26 years.

1-27 (d) The commission shall periodically select businesses to  
1-28 receive Texas Treasure Awards for the various levels of recognition  
1-29 as the commission considers appropriate considering the  
1-30 significance of the contribution of each business to this state.  
1-31 The commission shall honor the recipient of a Texas Treasure Award  
1-32 by presenting the recipient with a suitable plaque that includes  
1-33 the business's level of recognition and other appropriate  
1-34 information.

1-35 (e) The commission shall notify the state senator and state  
1-36 representative in whose districts a recipient's principal place of  
1-37 business in this state is located. The commission, the recipient,  
1-38 and the state senator and state representative shall cooperate in  
1-39 determining whether the ceremony at which the plaque honoring the  
1-40 recipient will be presented will be held in the hall of the senate,  
1-41 in the hall of the house of representatives, in the municipality or  
1-42 general area in which the recipient's principal place of business  
1-43 in this state is located, or in another suitable location.

1-44 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-45 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-46 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-47 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-48 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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