SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 555

WHEREAS, Throughout its history the State of Texas has maintained a commitment to the principle of private property rights, and since its creation in 1920, the Texas Association of REALTORS® and its members have supported this vital principle; and

WHEREAS, Each day, REALTORS® provide valuable professional services that enable their fellow Texans to buy, sell, lease, develop, and manage real estate in a knowledgeable and confident manner, while helping to preserve the free enterprise system and the right to own real property; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Texas REALTORS® have worked diligently within the regulatory process to promote and raise their business practices, and the term "REALTOR®" has come to stand for competence, fairness, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, One of the many things separating REALTORS® from all real estate licensees is their adherence to a strict code of ethics ensuring consumers that they will be treated fairly and professionally; and

WHEREAS, The more than 73,000 members of the Texas Association of REALTORS® have consistently supported responsible government as well as the entrepreneurial spirit that is the backbone of our state's economy, and its members are indeed worthy of special recognition at this time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby recognize April 12, 2005, as REALTOR® Appreciation Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome

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to members of the Texas Association of REALTORS® on the occasion of their visit to the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Texas Association of REALTORS® as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Carona, Brimer, Eltife, Harris, Staples, Wentworth

Member, Texas Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 12, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate