

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 142

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Gary Farmer, who is being honored as the 2006 Austinite of the Year by the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce on February 6, 2007, at its 129th annual meeting; and

WHEREAS, Gary Farmer is president of Heritage Title Company of Austin; he has been an active leader in the chamber for a number of years, having served as chair of the Greater Austin Economic Development/Corporation, vice-chair of the chamber's Economic Development Division, and chairman of Opportunity Austin; and

WHEREAS, Opportunity Austin is the chamber's five-year economic development plan to raise \$11 million and create 72,000 new jobs in an effort to revitalize and diversify the city's economy; under Gary's outstanding guidance and leadership, Opportunity Austin has exceeded its fundraising goal by \$3 million and has made exceptional progress in achieving its objectives; and

WHEREAS, Gary graduated from The University of Texas at Austin and had a successful career in the oil and gas land business before he began working in the title insurance industry in 1985; he has served as president of Heritage Title Company since 1987; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his valuable work on behalf of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, Gary cofounded and serves on the Executive Committee of the Real Estate Council of Austin; he has served on the board of directors of the National Multi-Family Housing Council, the Boy Scouts of America, and The Headliner's Club; he holds leadership roles with the Trust for Public Lands and The Nature Conservancy; he is an exemplary citizen and an outstanding leader who has made many contributions to the Austin community and the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Gary Farmer for his civic involvement and business accomplishments and congratulate him on his selection as the 2006 Austinite of the Year by the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of highest regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 31, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate