

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 685

WHEREAS, The American Institute of Architects has contributed to the nation's heritage and vitality for 150 years, and members are celebrating this remarkable milestone at their 2007 national convention, which is being held May 3 through 5 in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, Organized on April 13, 1857, the American Institute of Architects has grown to become the largest and most influential professional association for architects in the world; more than 300 component organizations in the United States and abroad, including 17 chapters of the Texas Society of Architects, combine to represent the interests of over 80,000 members; and

WHEREAS, Architects have long played a significant role in developing and enhancing the quality of life in cities throughout the country; applying building technology and design innovation, they help create visually attractive, safe, livable, and welcoming public spaces, and they provide crucial stewardship of our great architectural and historic treasures; and

WHEREAS, In honor of its sesquicentennial, the American Institute of Architects has developed "Blueprint for America," a comprehensive community service program that encourages members of the profession to work collaboratively with local government officials, business leaders, and citizens to identify neighborhoods in need of improvement; and

WHEREAS, More than 20,000 industry professionals are expected to attend the 2007 National Convention and Design

Exposition in San Antonio; centered around the theme, "Growing Beyond Green," the conference will feature a variety of educational opportunities on the topic of sustainable design; and

WHEREAS, With their vision, dedication, and skill, architects benefit communities across Texas and the United States, and it is a pleasure to welcome these esteemed professionals to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby congratulate the American Institute of Architects on its sesquicentennial and extend to all those associated with the organization sincere best wishes for a productive and enjoyable convention; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the American Institute of Architects as an expression of high 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 April 12, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate