

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The year 2009 marks the 100th anniversary of the  
2   establishment of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation;  
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4           WHEREAS, The agency was created in 1909 as the Bureau of Labor  
5   Statistics to collect information on Texas employees and to address  
6   industrial issues affecting employers, employees, and the general  
7   public; by 1956 the Bureau of Labor Statistics had six divisions,  
8   and in 1989 the agency began operating under its current name and  
9   many of its labor functions were transferred to the Texas  
10   Employment Commission; and

11          WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Executive Director William  
12   H. Kuntz, Jr., the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation is  
13   today the state's umbrella occupational regulatory agency,  
14   governed by a seven-member commission that is appointed by the  
15   governor; guided by its core values of integrity, accountability,  
16   customer service, open and free communication, innovation,  
17   teamwork, and respect, TDLR currently oversees 26 occupations and  
18   industries, with more than 500,000 licensees, and its mission is to  
19   foster a fair and efficient regulatory environment and ensure  
20   public safety; and

21          WHEREAS, For the past century, the Texas Department of  
22   Licensing and Regulation has demonstrated its commitment to  
23   becoming the model state agency, earning the public trust by  
24   setting the standard for customer service, innovation,

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1 cost-effectiveness, and efficiency, and its contributions to our  
2 state government indeed merit special recognition; now, therefore,  
3 be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the centennial of the Texas  
6 Department of Licensing and Regulation and extend to its current  
7 and former employees and commissioners and all those associated  
8 with the agency sincere appreciation for their service to the Lone  
9 Star State; and, be it further

10       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for TDLR as an expression of high regard by the Texas House  
12 of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1476 was adopted by the House on May 6, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House