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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,

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.