

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Independent Bankers Association of Texas is
2 celebrating the 35th anniversary of its founding in 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, With 252 initial members, this notable group was
4 organized in July 1974 to promote the interests of communities
5 through hometown leadership and investment; and

6 WHEREAS, IBAT has grown in numbers and stature over the years
7 while continuing to champion its mission at local, state, and
8 national levels, and it has taken strong civic and legislative
9 stands in its ongoing efforts to strengthen the Texas economy and
10 foster local growth; and

11 WHEREAS, Community banks have made enhancing area citizens'
12 quality of life their top priority by investing in civic endeavors
13 ranging from Little League to Main Street programs, and in so doing
14 these institutions have provided both financial assistance and
15 hands-on leadership from volunteers at all levels of personnel; and

16 WHEREAS, IBAT has continually developed educational tools
17 emphasizing financial literacy, offering programs for Texans of all
18 ages through its IBAT Education Foundation, working hand-in-hand
19 with schools, senior centers, and local, state, and national
20 organizations to make Texans financially responsible; and

21 WHEREAS, The association continues to develop programs and
22 services for the betterment of community banks, such as its
23 wholly-owned IBAT Services, IBAT Leadership Division, and IBAT
24 Financial Services; the Texas Independent Bank was created as an

1 alternative source of correspondent banking services for Texas
2 community banks and has grown to be the largest such bank in the
3 nation; and

4 WHEREAS, Taking a leadership role in the promotion of the
5 Texas Main Street Program, IBAT's commendable efforts include the
6 annual First Lady's Tour honoring designated communities working
7 for the betterment of cities and towns of the Lone Star State; and

8 WHEREAS, The governor of Texas honored IBAT for its work in
9 the Main Street Program in 2006, presenting the prestigious
10 Governor's Award for Historic Preservation to the IBAT board of
11 directors in ceremonies at the Governor's Mansion; and

12 WHEREAS, The Independent Bankers Association of Texas
13 represents some 2,000 Texas-based banks and full-service branches
14 located in 700 border-to-border communities, led by thousands of
15 local and community-loving employees, all working for the
16 betterment of independent banks and the communities that make them
17 special; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
19 Legislature hereby honor the Independent Bankers Association of
20 Texas on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and extend to its
21 members sincere best wishes for continued success and prosperity;
22 and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for IBAT as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
25 of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1635

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1635 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House