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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, For more than half a century, General Motors has 2 played a significant role in the Texas economy, generating 3 thousands of jobs, and during that period, the industrious workers 4 of the Arlington Assembly Plant have contributed greatly to the 5 economic health and development of their community; and

6 WHEREAS, General Motors currently employs more than 5,500 7 Texans throughout the state, generating a payroll in excess of \$500 8 million a year; these hardworking men and women have produced 7.5 9 million GM vehicles, more than any other automobile manufacturer in 10 the state; and

11 WHEREAS, First opened in 1954, the 250-acre GM Arlington 12 Assembly Plant was originally designed to assemble aircraft and 13 automobiles; over the years, the facility has produced a number of 14 popular GM models, and it currently manufactures the Cadillac 15 Escalade; and

16 WHEREAS, The factory has also been an important part of the 17 community in Arlington, employing many area Texans and providing 18 valuable property tax revenue; moreover, its employees have 19 generously supported such local charities as the United Way and 20 Toys for Kids; and

21 WHEREAS, The Arlington Assembly Plant is notable as well for 22 its environmental stewardship; in 2000, the plant was part of the 23 State of Texas Clean Industries program, and it has received 24 several consecutive annual awards for pretreatment excellence for

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1 water discharged to the city of Arlington; in 2003, the plant earned 2 the Certificate of Achievement from the Green Lights Partnership of 3 the Environmental Protection Agency, and it received EPA Energy 4 Star awards for energy conservation in 2003 and 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, General Motors and the Arlington Assembly Plant have 6 long been, and continue to be, valuable members of the Texas 7 business community, and it is a pleasure to recognize the company's 8 commitment to the Lone Star State and to pay tribute as well to the 9 plant's dedicated employees; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas 11 Legislature hereby honor the contributions of General Motors and 12 the Arlington Assembly Plant to the State of Texas and extend to the 13 company's management and employees sincere best wishes for the 14 future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 16 prepared for the plant as an expression of high regard by the Texas 17 House of Representatives.

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I certify that H.R. No. 1761 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House