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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The Valley Building Officials Association in South
- 2 Texas is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its founding in 2009;
- 3 and
- WHEREAS, During the 1950s, communities in the Lower Rio
- 5 Grande Valley were adopting housing and building codes in order to
- 6 qualify for state and federal funds; some community members,
- 7 however, began to question the effectiveness of local code
- 8 enforcement; and
- 9 WHEREAS, In 1959, in response to these concerns, building
- 10 officials for the City of Edinburg took the lead in establishing an
- 11 organization called the Building Trades Inspectors Association of
- 12 the Lower Rio Grande Valley; the group changed its name to the
- 13 Valley Building Officials Association in 1964; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Thanks to the hard work and determination of
- 15 dedicated building inspectors over the past half-century, the VBOA
- 16 has continued to serve the citizens of the Valley by expanding the
- 17 knowledge and unifying the procedures of building officials
- 18 throughout the area; since the establishment of this pioneering
- 19 association, similar groups have been created across the region and
- 20 the state; and
- 21 WHEREAS, These outstanding municipal and industry
- 22 professionals have contributed greatly to the quality of life in
- 23 the Lower Rio Grande Valley, and they may take great pride in their
- 24 proud history; now, therefore, be it

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- 1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
- 2 Legislature hereby honor the Valley Building Officials Association
- 3 on the 50th anniversary of its founding and extend to the
- 4 association's members sincere best wishes for continued success;
- 5 and, be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 7 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the
- 8 Texas House of Representatives.