

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 656

WHEREAS, The Independent Bankers Association of Texas was organized in July of 1974 with 252 members to promote the interests of communities through hometown leadership and investment; and

WHEREAS, The organization grew in numbers and stature over the years while promoting the common interests of individual communities at the local, state, and national levels; the organization has taken strong civic and legislative stands in its continuing efforts to strengthen the Texas economy and foster community growth; and

WHEREAS, Community banks have made improving the quality of life of local communities and citizens their top priority; all levels of bank personnel invest in civic endeavors ranging from little league to main street both financially and with hands-on leadership; and

WHEREAS, The Independent Bankers Association of Texas has continually developed educational tools that emphasize financial literacy; the IBAT Education Foundation offers programs for Texans of all ages, working hand in hand with schools, senior centers, and local, state, and national organizations to make Texans financially responsible; and

WHEREAS, The organization continues to develop programs and services for the betterment of community banks, such as its wholly owned IBAT Services, Leadership Division, IBAT Financial Services, and Texas Independent Bank, which was created as an alternative source of correspondent banking services for Texas community banks and has grown to be the largest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The organization has taken a leadership role in the promotion of the Texas Main Street Program, including the annual First Lady's Tour honoring designated communities that work to improve cities and towns in the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, The governor of Texas honored the Independent Bankers Association of Texas for its work in the Main Street Program in 2006, presenting the prestigious Governor's Award for Historic Preservation to the board of directors in ceremonies at the governor's mansion; and

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

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby honor the Independent Bankers Association of Texas on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and extend to its members sincere best wishes for continued success and prosperity in the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Independent Bankers Association of Texas as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Williams

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate