

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 798**

**WHEREAS**, The year 2009 marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, The agency was created in 1909 as the Bureau of Labor Statistics to collect information on Texas employees and to address industrial issues affecting employers, employees, and the general public; by 1956 the Bureau of Labor Statistics had six divisions, and in 1989 the agency began operating under its current name and many of its labor functions were transferred to the Texas Employment Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the leadership of Executive Director William H. Kuntz, Jr., the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation is today the state's umbrella occupational regulatory agency, governed by a seven-member commission that is appointed by the governor; guided by its core values of integrity, accountability, customer service, open and free communication, innovation, teamwork, and respect, the department currently oversees 26 occupations and industries, with more than 500,000 licenses, and its mission is to foster a fair and efficient regulatory environment and ensure public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, For the past century, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation had demonstrated its commitment to becoming the model state agency, earning the public trust by setting the standard for customer service, innovation, cost-effectiveness, and efficiency, and its contributions to our state government indeed merit special recognition; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commemorate the centennial of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and extend to its current and former employees and commissioners and all those associated with the agency sincere appreciation for their service to the Lone Star State; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 30, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate