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H.R. No. 1640

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With a deep commitment to the Texas business
2 community, Larry D. Williams of State Auto Insurance Companies has
3 made the wise decision to relocate to the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams is a leading executive in the property
5 and casualty insurance industry and serves as vice president and
6 director of middle market operations for Ohio-based State Auto
7 Insurance Companies; seeing a prime opportunity to expand his
8 division, he launched State Auto's Austin Center, which today
9 employs many area residents as a major personal and business
10 insurance hub serving Texas, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, and Oklahoma;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Over the course of four decades, Mr. Williams has
13 served in executive and leadership roles with Buckeye Union
14 Insurance Company, Continental Insurance Company, and American
15 International Group; in 1999, he founded Greatland Insurance
16 Company and served as its chief executive officer until 2004; his
17 brief retirement ended when State Auto offered him a key position;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, This dynamic professional is a decorated veteran of
20 the United States Army, having served in combat operations during
21 the Vietnam War; his experience in military intelligence led to a
22 two-year assignment with the National Security Agency; through
23 State Auto's initiative to provide employment to former service
24 members, he serves as a mentor to returning veterans; and

1 WHEREAS, Numerous civic and community organizations have
2 benefited from Mr. Williams's leadership; he has served on the
3 boards of Central Ohio American Charities and the Cleveland Zoo,
4 and he has given generously of his time and talents as a Boy Scout
5 Master and diving instructor; moreover, he is a founding member of
6 the Head Hunters Fraternity and serves as president of the Safari
7 Club International; and

8 WHEREAS, Recognized as a big game hunter, Mr. Williams has a
9 number of entries in the SCI world record book; he recently
10 purchased a ranch in Lampasas, where he can house an ever-expanding
11 collection of guns, Lucchese boots, and Stetson hats, befitting a
12 man whose family tree includes defenders of the Alamo; in all his
13 endeavors, Mr. Williams enjoys the love and support of his wife,
14 Julie, and their three children, Larry, Christine, and Jackie; and

15 WHEREAS, Our economy is energized by the contributions of
16 successful and civic-minded business leaders, and it is a pleasure
17 to recognize Larry Williams for his personal and professional
18 achievements; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
20 Legislature hereby commend Larry D. Williams on his distinguished
21 career and extend to him a warm welcome to the Lone Star State; and,
22 be it further

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