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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Industry State Bank is celebrating its centennial in 2 2011; and

WHEREAS, In early February 1911, a group of civic leaders

4 established the First Guaranty State Bank of Industry with 39

5 shareholders; two weeks later, they accepted a bid of \$685 for the

6 construction of a building, and the new bank opened on June 1, 1911,

7 with one full-time employee, H. L. Schulze, who was assisted on a

8 part-time basis by H. H. Boelsche; by September 4 of that year, the

9 bank had already made more than 40 loans, and in 1913, it paid its

10 first dividend; reflecting the end of the state's Guaranty Fund,

11 the bank's name was changed in the 1920s to Industry State Bank, and

12 it continued to grow with the community; Mr. Schulze would

13 ultimately lead the bank for 15 years, while his successor, Mr.

14 Boelsche, would manage the bank for three decades; and

WHEREAS, Arno Krebs became the bank's third president in 16 1956; the original building was replaced the following year, and in

17 1973 a new building was dedicated at the present-day site of the

18 bank, at the northeast corner of Highways 159 and 109, and through

19 the years, it has been expanded several times; James Lindemann

20 succeeded Mr. Krebs as president of the institution in 1988, and the

21 next year the bank acquired New Ulm State Bank as its first branch;

22 Industry State Bank also acquired three insurance agencies, and

23 today it ranks fifth in commissions for bank-owned insurance

24 agencies in Texas; in 1993, the bank formed a holding company,

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- 1 Industry Bancshares Inc., which now includes five bank charters
- 2 operating banking facilities in 15 Central Texas communities and
- 3 has assets of more than \$1.5 billion; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Among the notable leaders who have contributed to
- 5 the bank's success through the years has been Jay C. Buenger, who
- 6 retired from its board of directors in 2004 after 46 years, 14 of
- 7 which he served as chair; Ervin Mieth, Jr., served as the bank's
- 8 fifth president after the role of Mr. Lindemann changed to board
- 9 chair over the five bank charters; and
- 10 WHEREAS, For the past century, Industry State Bank has been a
- 11 mainstay of the community, and under the skilled leadership of
- 12 current president James Doak Hartley, who has led the bank since
- 13 2010, it continues to provide essential financial services to local
- 14 residents and businesses; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 16 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the
- 17 founding of Industry State Bank and extend to all those associated
- 18 with that institution sincere best wishes for continued success;
- 19 and, be it further
- 20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 21 prepared for Industry State Bank as an expression of high regard by
- 22 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2694 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House