

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 676

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Gordon Dickson, who recently received the Excellence in Journalism Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dickson is a staff writer for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and covers the transportation beat for the paper; he was honored for his reporting in the 2012 series titled "Crumbling Infrastructure," in which he called attention to deteriorating bridges in the Fort Worth area; and

WHEREAS, The articles warned that despite heightened national attention to infrastructure problems after a disastrous 2007 Minneapolis bridge collapse, conditions on 29 Tarrant County bridges were worsening; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dickson was cited by the American Society of Civil Engineers for his commitment to highlighting infrastructure issues and his ability to present complex civil engineering concepts to the general public in an understandable way; and

WHEREAS, Through his informative articles, Mr. Dickson has contributed significantly to the public's understanding of infrastructure deterioration and public safety, and he has enabled area residents to participate more fully in the public conversation about these important issues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Gordon Dickson for his outstanding work and congratulate him on receiving the Excellence in Journalism Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Davis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 16, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate