

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Veterans Commission was named the winner  
2 of an Abraham Lincoln Pillars of Excellence Award for Outstanding  
3 State Program in 2015; and

4           WHEREAS, Established by the U.S. Department of Veterans  
5 Affairs and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans  
6 Affairs, the Pillars of Excellence Awards recognize state programs  
7 that significantly improve veteran access to benefits and services;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, The Texas Veterans Commission received this  
10 prestigious honor for its role in supporting the Military Veteran  
11 Peer Network (MVPN) in collaboration with the Texas Department of  
12 State Health Services and the state's local mental health  
13 authorities; an affiliation of service members, veterans, and their  
14 families, the MVPN is dedicated to easing veterans' transition to  
15 civilian life by identifying community resources and fostering a  
16 sense of camaraderie; so far, the network's 35 coordinators have  
17 recruited and trained approximately 1,000 volunteers in peer  
18 support and mental health awareness; and

19           WHEREAS, In addition to this innovative program, the TVC  
20 continues to provide veterans with such crucial services as claims  
21 assistance, employment support, educational opportunities, and  
22 grant funding; by consolidating such a wide range of resources into  
23 one department, Texas has become a national leader in this area and  
24 serves as a model for other states wanting to create a comprehensive

1 and integrated veterans agency; and

2 WHEREAS, The year 2015 marks the 150th anniversary of  
3 President Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address, in which he  
4 eloquently affirmed the nation's obligation to veterans and their  
5 families, and the Texas Veterans Commission is honoring that  
6 promise by ensuring that the men and women who have risked their  
7 lives to defend and protect this nation receive the support and  
8 assistance they so richly deserve; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby congratulate the Texas Veterans Commission on  
11 its receipt of a 2015 Abraham Lincoln Pillars of Excellence Award  
12 for Outstanding State Program and extend to all those associated  
13 with the program sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be  
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for the commission as an expression of high regard by the  
17 Texas House of Representatives.

King of Taylor

H.R. No. 1732

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1732 was adopted by the House on May 7, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House