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H.R. No. 1732

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.