

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 681**

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Public Policy Foundation hosted the grand opening of its new headquarters near the State Capitol in Austin on April 21, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, A \$20 million, six-story facility, the Michael S. Stevens Building is named in honor of a longtime board member who passed away in 2008; Mr. Stevens was instrumental in shaping the debate on tax reform, tort reform, transportation, and other vital issues, and he played a key role in the tremendous growth of the foundation; in 2014, it celebrated a quarter-century of dedication to the mission of promoting liberty, personal responsibility, and free enterprise; and

**WHEREAS**, This splendid edifice provides the organization with state-of-the-art infrastructure, and at approximately 42,000 square feet, it encompasses six times more space than the previous offices across the street; its many notable features, named after prominent Texans, include the Joe B. Hogsett Theater, the Red McCombs Event Center, and the Governor Rick Perry Liberty Balcony, which offers magnificent wraparound views of the Capitol and the downtown streetscape; and

**WHEREAS**, Designed to serve as the "epicenter of liberty," the Michael S. Stevens Building is an imposing new landmark on Congress Avenue, and it is truly a pleasure to join in marking this occasion; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby congratulate the Texas Public Policy Foundation on the grand opening of its new headquarters and

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extend to the organization sincere best wishes for the future;  
and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the foundation as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Burton

Bettencourt  
Birdwell  
Campbell  
Creighton

Estes  
Hall  
Hancock

Kolkhorst  
Nelson  
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Patrick, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate