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H.R. No. 226

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud members of the Southwest Movers Association of
2 Texas are gathering in Austin on January 31, 2017, for their
3 Moving/Trucking Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The Southwest Movers Association is also marking a
5 special milestone in 2017, as it celebrates its 100th year
6 representing the household goods industry in Texas; and

7 WHEREAS, SMA was originally founded as the Texas Warehouse
8 and Transfermen's Association at a meeting held in Fort Worth in
9 August 1917; the meeting was organized by S. J. Westheimer of
10 Houston, who went on to serve as the organization's first
11 president; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1934, the group became known as the Southwest
13 Warehouse and Transfer Association to reflect its expansion to the
14 surrounding states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New
15 Mexico, and its regional responsibilities continued until 2001,
16 when Texas again became its sole focus; in 1978, the association's
17 offices were moved from Dallas to Austin, and its name was changed
18 to the Southwest Movers Association in 1995; and

19 WHEREAS, Although state and federal laws have evolved with
20 the passing years, the protection of the consumer public, through
21 licensing and insurance regulations, has been and continues to be a
22 core part of the SMA mission; and

23 WHEREAS, Over the past 100 years, the Southwest Movers
24 Association has worked diligently to promote and support the moving

1 industry while safeguarding the needs of the customers it serves,
2 and its members may indeed take great satisfaction in the
3 organization's dedicated efforts and many notable achievements;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize January 31, 2017, as Moving/Trucking
7 Day at the State Capitol and congratulate the Southwest Movers
8 Association on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.