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H.R. No. 523

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Hochheim Prairie Insurance is celebrating its 125th  
2 anniversary in 2017; and

3           WHEREAS, In 1892, German settlers from the rural farmlands  
4 known as the Hochheim Prairie community organized a mutual  
5 insurance alliance, electing officers and initially insuring the  
6 homes of 30 families; the company was subsequently chartered as the  
7 Hochheim Prairie Mutual Fire and Storm Association; and

8           WHEREAS, Renamed the Hochheim Prairie Farm Mutual Insurance  
9 Association in 1973, that firm has since been joined by several  
10 subsidiaries; this group of companies, headquartered in Yoakum, is  
11 today represented by more than 200 independent agents who serve  
12 over 90,000 members across the state; Hochheim Prairie now provides  
13 insurance coverage for homes, farms, ranches, manufactured homes,  
14 personal property, automobiles, small businesses, and liability,  
15 with written premiums exceeding \$125 million; and

16           WHEREAS, The association is currently led by president Linda  
17 Schmidt, its first female president and one of the few women to  
18 direct a Texas insurance company; Lynn Brewer, Pam Lahodny, Tim  
19 McCoy, and David Weber serve as officers, while the board of  
20 directors is composed of David Ross, Wayne Scholtz, Tommy Barre,  
21 Steve Klovensky, David Mueller, David French, Brian Gibson, Randy  
22 Leifeste, and Randal Hamilton; and

23           WHEREAS, For well over a century, Hochheim Prairie Insurance  
24 has offered security to its members, protecting them from

1 catastrophic financial loss, and it is indeed fitting that it be  
2 recognized on the occasion of this notable milestone in its  
3 history; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Hochheim Prairie Insurance on its  
6 125th anniversary and extend to all those associated with the  
7 business sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
8 further

9         RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for the  
10 company as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of  
11 Representatives.