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H.R. No. 595

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Robert R. Owen is retiring as managing director of  
2 regulation and legislation for the Texas Society of Certified  
3 Public Accountants in 2017, drawing to a close nearly two decades of  
4 exemplary service; and

5           WHEREAS, Bob Owen earned a bachelor of business  
6 administration degree from Southern Methodist University in 1961  
7 and began his career in accounting with the CPA firm Alford,  
8 Meroney, and Company, where he was named a partner in 1969 and later  
9 took on the role of managing partner; and

10           WHEREAS, Following the firm's merger with Arthur Young and  
11 Company in 1980, Mr. Owen served as deputy regional managing  
12 partner for the Southwest region, and he went on to be appointed  
13 national director of Entrepreneurial Services in 1983 and national  
14 director of Industry Services in 1986; he retained his position  
15 when the company merged with Ernst and Whinney in 1989 to form Ernst  
16 and Young, where he continued to carry out his duties with  
17 distinction until his retirement in 1998; and

18           WHEREAS, That same year, Mr. Owen became managing director of  
19 regulation and legislation at TSCPA, having previously served the  
20 organization as chair and as a member of six executive committees;  
21 during his notable tenure, he was instrumental in guiding the  
22 association through major updates to the Texas Public Accountancy  
23 Act, completing the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission review for  
24 TPAA, and attaining Self-Directed Semi-Independent Agency status

1 for the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy; in recognition of  
2 his outstanding efforts, TSCPA named him an honorary fellow and  
3 presented him with Meritorious Service to the Accounting Profession  
4 in Texas and Distinguished Public Service awards; and

5 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has further benefited his  
6 profession through his involvement with the American Institute of  
7 Certified Public Accountants; he was a member of its Governing  
8 Council for two terms, and he has held a seat on several other AICPA  
9 committees, including the Uniform Accountancy Act Committee; and

10 WHEREAS, Bob Owen has rendered exceptional service to TSCPA  
11 and garnered the respect and admiration of his colleagues across  
12 the state, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his record of  
13 achievement as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life;  
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Robert R. Owen on his retirement as  
17 managing director of regulation and legislation for the Texas  
18 Society of Certified Public Accountants and extend to him sincere  
19 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for Mr. Owen as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
22 House of Representatives.