

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 65

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Robert R. Owen for his years of exemplary service as a certified public accountant and for his many contributions to the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Owen began his accounting career with the local certified public accounting firm of Alford, Meroney, and Company, while he was earning a bachelor's degree in business administration at Southern Methodist University; he became a partner at the firm in 1969, and he took on the role of managing partner after the firm expanded into a regional practice; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1980, Alford, Meroney, and Company merged with Arthur Young and Company, and Mr. Owen rose through the ranks of the Big 8 accounting firm to become the national director of Industry Services in 1986; in this role, he directed the firm's specialized industry programs, and he retained this position when the company joined Ernst and Whinney to form Ernst and Young in 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, An active leader in his professional field, Mr. Owen has served the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants in numerous executive positions over the years; since his retirement from Ernst and Young in 1998, he has overseen the association's legislative and regulatory functions through his service as the managing director of Regulation and Legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Owen is highly respected by his colleagues in the accounting profession in Texas; he has helped shape the standards of excellence at the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, and he has played an integral role in the formation of policies that will benefit citizens throughout the state; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Robert R. Owen on his successful career and on his distinguished leadership at the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on January 30, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate