

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 282

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Eugene Adrian Van Zelfden Jr. for his civic leadership and his tireless work on behalf of the people of Texas; and

WHEREAS, A Distinguished Honor Graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, Eugene Van Zelfden served his country with distinction and earned the commissioned rank of captain; as a civilian, he has the distinction of being licensed in Texas as both an attorney and a certified public accountant; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Mr. Van Zelfden founded the Texas Grassroots Coalition with the goal of providing information to the public on civic and governmental affairs; he went on to publish a monthly newsletter that highlighted the workings of the Texas government and legislature, and he wrote, produced, and voiced the *Texas Minute*, a daily program that aired on 24 Texas radio stations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Van Zelfden founded the Tax Practice Group in 2002, and he volunteered his time each month to training certified public accountants, tax attorneys, and tax preparers in Central Texas on revised federal and state tax laws; in 2008, he began publishing the monthly *Tidbits in Time Almanac*, a modern version of Benjamin Franklin's *Poor Richard's Almanack*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Van Zelfden is truly a public-spirited individual who represents the highest ideals of civic engagement, and innumerable Texans have benefited from his wisdom and expertise; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Eugene Adrian Van Zelfden Jr. for his many contributions to the state and extend to him best wishes in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

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

Schwertner

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 27, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate