

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 628**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dian Graves Owen Stai, who was inducted in 2016 into the Texas Business Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS**, Dian Stai has been a trailblazer over the course of her distinguished career as a businesswoman; she was the first chair of the Texas Department of Commerce, the first woman to chair the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, and the cofounder and first board chair of Owen Healthcare, Incorporated, one of the premier hospital pharmacy management companies in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Under her exemplary leadership, Owen Healthcare grew from a company valued at approximately \$1 million in 1976 to a company worth \$500 million at the time of its 1997 merger with Cardinal Health, Incorporated; it had expanded its range of operations from pharmacy management to include materials management, home infusion services, automated medication dispensing systems, and other health care services; and

**WHEREAS**, After selling the company, she dedicated herself to addressing social concerns and established the Dian Graves Owen Foundation, a philanthropic organization that has distributed more than \$85 million to various institutions and worthy projects; her many accolades include being named the 1992 Houston Regional Entrepreneur of the Year by the Women's Support Business Network and receiving national recognition on multiple occasions as one of the top 25 businesswomen in America by *Working Woman* and *Savvy* magazines; she was a 1996 inductee into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS**, She has served on the boards of such organizations as the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, the United Way of Abilene, Saint John's Episcopal School, and the Texas Chamber of Commerce, and it is truly fitting that she receive special recognition; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Dian Graves Owen Stai on her outstanding achievements and extend congratulations to her on her induction into the Texas Business Hall of Fame; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her 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 April 18, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate