

By: Hancock

S.R. No. 35

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Byrne Construction Services on the centennial of the company's founding; and

WHEREAS, A veteran-owned minority business enterprise, Byrne Construction Services is a respected construction services firm that was founded as Thos. S. Byrne on July 17, 1923, in Fort Worth by the distinguished Thomas Sneed Byrne, a native Texan and an alumnus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, Through 100 years of operation, Byrne Construction Services has made an indelible mark on the Texas landscape, shaping the skylines of major cities and contributing to the growth and development of communities through the company's commitment to the principles of excellence, quality, and service; and

WHEREAS, The firm's first milestone project, Montgomery Ward's regional headquarters, was completed in 1928, and since that time, Byrne Construction Services has continued to exceed the expectations of its clients; the company has set high standards through its work on such architecturally significant and high-quality projects as the award-winning Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth, which the firm completed in 1972; and

WHEREAS, In the mid-1990s, United States Army veteran John Avila Jr. acquired the firm and soon expanded its presence and

influence across the state; he did this while fostering long-lasting relationships and a warm and welcoming atmosphere among the firm's employees and clients; and

WHEREAS, Under his direction, the firm strengthened its portfolios in aviation construction, health care facilities, historic restorations, commercial and office buildings, education facilities, and in high-end residential structures with a pioneering focus on the use of new technology in construction; in 2015, John assumed the role of chairman, and his sons, Matthew and Paul Avila, took over the leadership of the firm; they have since guided the firm to continued success and have upheld their father's legacy of innovation and superior craftsmanship; and

WHEREAS, One of the largest construction services firms in the state, Byrne Construction Services rose from its humble beginnings to become a prosperous and highly regarded company that has built and beautified Texas communities for generations, and it is truly fitting that this exemplary business receive special recognition on the centennial of its founding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend Byrne Construction Services on 100 years of operation and extend to the company's leadership and staff best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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