

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 138

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Jo Rae Wagner, a mechanical contractor in Harlingen, who is serving as the 2006-2007 national president of the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors Association; and

WHEREAS, Jo Rae Wagner has been dedicated to her work in the construction industry for 34 years; she is currently president of CTO, Incorporated, in Harlingen, and her business includes managing an office staff of seven and approximately 60 field employees and overseeing contracts worth millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, She has served as a member of both the state and national board of directors of the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors Association, and she is the second woman to serve as its national president since its inception in 1883; and

WHEREAS, Jo is a member of the Harlingen Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals, serves as a member of the board of directors of the Rio Grande Valley Apprenticeship Program, and is on the City of Harlingen Utility Board; she has served as president of the American Subcontractor's Association-- Rio Grande Valley Chapter and is currently its director; and

WHEREAS, Jo's goals as president of the national organization include bringing more women, minorities, and young people into the industry's associations, ensuring educational and certification programs are up-to-date, and focusing on legislative issues, such as tort reform; and

WHEREAS, Jo is a strong proponent of women serving in the construction industry and encourages women already on the fringes of construction businesses to become more involved in their profession; she is a fine example for other women to emulate; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Jo Rae Wagner for her dedication to her profession and her many accomplishments and congratulate her on her selection as the national president of the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors Association; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of high regard 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, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate