

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 58

By Hawk

A RESOLUTION to commend BlueLinx Corporation upon receiving the Volunteer STAR (Safety Through Accountability and Recognition) award.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pride in recognizing those estimable businesses in Tennessee that have established a tradition of excellence in their operations and demonstrated a genuine concern for the health and safety of their employees and their community; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary business is BlueLinx Corporation, the former Georgia Pacific Company, in Erwin, which has received the Volunteer STAR (Safety Through Accountability and Recognition) award; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer STAR award is the state's highest honor for workplace safety and health and a nationally-recognized program; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer STAR award is patterned after the OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) which recognizes the best of the best in the area of safety and health programming and performance; and

WHEREAS, the standard for participating in the Volunteer STAR program is the confirmation of a company's safety and health program, which helps to reduce accidents and injuries; and

WHEREAS, the BlueLinx facility in Erwin, employing 38 people, has achieved a remarkably low incident rate for occupational injuries, meeting the ambitious evaluation criteria required to attain the Volunteer STAR designation; and

WHEREAS, the company, which receives its building products via railcars and trucks and then distributes them to customers by means of its own fleet of trucks, has reduced its total case incident rate by 73 percent and reduced by 47 percent the site's DART (Days away from

Work and Restricted Activity and/or Transfer Case Incidence Rate) through the process of preparing for VPP certification; and

WHEREAS, with enthusiastic employee participation in every aspect of its operations, BlueLinx takes great pride in its partnership between employees, management, and Volunteer STAR to provide excellent safety and health programs; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding accomplishment establishes this remarkable business as not only a leader in its community, but also as a shining example for businesses across Tennessee to emulate; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that we pause to recognize BlueLinx on its outstanding achievement in safety and health, and its exemplary leadership in the business community; and now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend BlueLinx Corporation upon achieving the Volunteer STAR award while striving for the highest standards with regard to safety, leadership, and outstanding service to its employees, its community, and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.