

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 667

WHEREAS, The Juneteenth Cultural Celebration Gala is taking place on June 17, 2023, hosted by YWCA El Paso del Norte Region; and

WHEREAS, The oldest known observance commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, Juneteenth celebrates the emancipation in June 1865 of enslaved African Americans in Texas; and

WHEREAS, The Juneteenth Cultural Celebration Gala is honoring the holiday with a much-anticipated black-tie event at Abraham Chavez Theatre; the gala includes a reception, an art auction, and a Juneteenth history exhibit, as well as performances highlighting Black excellence in the arts through the decades; and

WHEREAS, Proceeds will benefit YWCA El Paso del Norte Region and The Great Khalid Foundation and will support both organizations' art, music, and cultural enrichment programs for early childhood and school-aged children throughout the Borderplex region; and

WHEREAS, More than 150 years after emancipation was proclaimed in Texas, Juneteenth continues to inspire gatherings that pay tribute to the myriad achievements and immeasurable fortitude of the African American community, and the Juneteenth Cultural Celebration Gala is furthering that proud tradition in the El Paso area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commemorate the Juneteenth Cultural Celebration Gala hosted by YWCA El Paso del Norte Region and extend to all those in attendance sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful event; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for YWCA El Paso del Norte Region 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 May 25, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate