H.R. No. 881

## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Since 1959, the LULAC Feria de las Flores has raised scholarship money for deserving college-bound students, and this 2 3 year marks the 44th anniversary of this beloved annual pageant; and WHEREAS, Created and organized by Joe Flores, the feria has 4 5 been sponsored by LULAC Council No. 1 since the inaugural event in 6 1959, when Abby Pina was crowned as the first Feria de las Flores 7 Queen; and 8 WHEREAS, Contestants are judged in six categories: beauty, 9 personality, poise, costume, dance routine, and on-stage question, and the event, which is designed to pay tribute to the heritage of 10 11 Mexican American citizens, features music, dance, and dress that 12 typify various regions south of the border; and 13

WHEREAS, Through the generous support of the South Texas business community, LULAC Council No. 1 has distributed more than \$1 million in scholarship funds to date, and this display of community spirit and dedication to providing educational opportunities for the young people of South Texas is truly worthy of special legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas Legislature hereby commemorate the 44th anniversary of the Feria de las Flores and commend the members of LULAC Council No. 1 for their significant efforts in this regard; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 24 prepared for LULAC Council No. 1 as an expression of high regard by

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1 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 881 was adopted by the House on April 23, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House