

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the members of Washington's Birthday Celebration Association and the association's president, Melissa C. Cigarroa, on their successful annual planning of the celebration of Washington's Birthday in Laredo; and

WHEREAS, Every year, the citizens of Laredo celebrate the birthday of the Father of Our Country; Washington's Birthday Celebration Association sponsors the celebration to pay tribute to the memory of George Washington and to his virtues and his patriotism; this year is the 106th birthday celebration; and

WHEREAS, Representatives of the celebration annually travel to Austin to invite Texans to attend this most distinguished event; this year's representatives include Rosanne Louise Winch and Aladar "Ito" Deutsch, portraying Martha and George Washington; Dr. Francisco G. Cigarroa and Dr. Ricardo G. Cigarroa, sharing the title of Mr. South Texas 2003; Gary G. Jacobs, Mr. South Texas 2002; Yemile Meline Guerra and Alejandro Javier Gárza, portraying Princess Pocahontas and White Eagle, Chief of the Painted Forest; and Natalie Angela Notzon, Sabás Zapata IV, Rebeca Edith Santana Girón and Juan Eduardo Guarneros Peña, the 2003 Abrazo Children; and

WHEREAS, Since its beginning as a two-day event in 1898, the Washington Birthday Celebration gradually has evolved into a grand celebration entailing numerous events that cover more than a two-week period; the yearly celebrations exemplify the spirit and enthusiasm of Laredoans and the pride they take in their city and country; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend the members of the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association on their patriotism and their dedication and extend best wishes to them for a joyous 106th birthday celebration; and, be it further

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

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 22, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate