

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 333

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the City of Elsa, in Hidalgo County, which celebrated the 76th anniversary of its founding on March 2, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Elsa is located in the Delta region of Texas on land that was part of the Llano Grande land grant issued to Juan José Ynojosa de Ballí by Spanish authorities in 1790; ranchers settled the surrounding region before 1800 and introduced cattle and sheep and a variety of crops; and

WHEREAS, Anglo-Americans made their homes in the region in the early 1900s and developed truck farms; one of the largest canning and packaging industries in the world once existed in this rich farming area; agriculture still constitutes a major source of the local economy, and Hidalgo County ranks first in the state in the market value of its crops; and

WHEREAS, The City of Elsa was laid out next to the Texas and New Orleans Railroad in 1927 and named for Elsie George, the wife of a local landowner; the city was incorporated in 1940 with a population of just over 1,000; today, more than 5,500 people live in Elsa; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, the residents of Elsa helped create the Llano Grande Center for Research and Development; this nonprofit organization strives to nurture the gifts and talents of the region's students and to strengthen the community; the center boasts a highly successful college preparation and placement program, which was established informally before the center and which helped to send more than 50 students from Edcouch-Elsa High School to Ivy League universities between 1993 and 2001; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Elsa are rightfully proud of their history and their endeavors to build a vigorous community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby congratulate the residents of Elsa on their contributions to their city and state and extend best wishes to them for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the entire community of Elsa as an expression of esteem 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 March 10, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate