SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 339

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Honorable András Simonyi, Hungary's Ambassador to the United States of America, and to welcome him to the State Capitol on March 13, 2003; and

State Capitol on March 13, 2003; and WHEREAS, Ambassador Simonyi graduated from Budapest University in 1975 and holds a doctoral degree in political science; fluent in five foreign languages, he speaks English, Danish, German, Dutch, and French; and

WHEREAS, Ambassador Simonyi has distinguished himself as a member of his country's government; he joined the Foreign Ministry in 1989 and served as a personal assistant to the present foreign minister, László Kovács; he subsequently served as deputy chief of mission in The Hague and as deputy chief of mission at the Mission of Hungary to the European Communities and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Brussels; and

WHEREAS, Universally respected for his knowledge and expertise, Ambassador Simonyi became the first Hungarian permanent representative on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Council, serving in that role from 1999 through 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simonyi was appointed Hungary's Ambassador to the United States of America in 2002, and in that capacity, he skillfully handles his many responsibilities representing his country in this nation; and

WHEREAS, Ambassador Simonyi has graced us with his distinguished presence, and we are grateful for his friendship toward the people of Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Ambassador András Simonyi on his many accomplishments and extend to him our best wishes for a memorable visit; and, be it further

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

Barrientos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 10, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate