

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 610

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Brownsville as the undisputed leader of scholastic chess competition in the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, Since the late 1980s, the City of Brownsville, through the Brownsville Independent School District, has continued to have a stellar reputation in school chess competition; and

WHEREAS, From a small beginning involving a few dozen students, the Brownsville chess program has grown to include hundreds of students, and it has spread to nearly every public and private school campus in the city; and

WHEREAS, Since 1988, Brownsville chess teams have won 16 state championships, have performed well in national competition, and have had many individual performances that rank among the best in the state and in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 600 of the 1,800 entrants in the 2003 state championship tournament in Dallas were from Brownsville; Hudson Elementary School and Vela Middle School won state championships in their respective categories at the 2003 tournament; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Brownsville's educators and students have consistently demonstrated dedication to chess competition and superior skill, and they deserve recognition for their outstanding accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby congratulate the City of Brownsville and designate the city the "Chess Capital of Texas"; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the Brownsville chess coaches and players and 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 April 14, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate