

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 623

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Cirque du Soleil on the occasion of its 3,000th performance of "Alegria"; and

**WHEREAS**, Cirque du Soleil was founded in Montreal in 1984 by a street performer; the company presents a theatrical blend of circus arts played out against fairyland sets and accompanied by magical effects and spellbinding soundtracks; it currently has seven shows in production on three continents; and

**WHEREAS**, The company is making its first ever stop in Austin and will remain in the city from April 24 through May 18, 2003; during its stay, it will perform "Alegria" for the 3,000th time; and

**WHEREAS**, The internationally acclaimed "Alegria" is a baroque and operatic production that has been experienced by more than five million people worldwide; the show is noted for its extraordinary lighting and elaborate set design; its cast of 56 performers and musicians are from 13 different countries; dressed in flamboyant costumes, they put on an astonishing spectacle that combines athleticism with artistry; and

**WHEREAS**, Cirque du Soleil has created a uniquely special show, and the residents of Austin are proud to host this historic performance of "Alegria"; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Cirque du Soleil on its exceptional artistic accomplishments and extend best wishes to all associated with the company on the grand occasion of the 3,000th performance of "Alegria"; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Cirque du Soleil 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 30, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate