

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 745

WHEREAS, On June 15, 2003, residents of the Alamo City will mark an important occasion in the history of their community when they celebrate the 100th anniversary of the San Antonio Public Library; and

WHEREAS, The city's first free public library, Carnegie Library of San Antonio, was established in 1903; funded by a \$50,000 grant from Andrew Carnegie, it was built on land donated by Caroline Kampmann and originally housed some 7,500 books; and

WHEREAS, Since that time, the San Antonio Public Library has experienced tremendous growth; the library system now comprises the Central Library in downtown San Antonio, 19 auxiliary branches in the surrounding communities, and a bookmobile program that serves areas throughout Bexar County; and

WHEREAS, Continually evolving to meet the changing needs of its patrons, this exemplary institution offers a variety of unique services, including access to Spanish Internet computers, a Books-by-Mail service for residents who are homebound, and a Teacher's Card for educators and day-care providers who need to borrow large numbers of books for classroom use; and

WHEREAS, The San Antonio Public Library has served as an intellectual beacon to generations of Texans during its first century of service, and it will undoubtedly strive to maintain this tradition of excellence in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby recognize the 100th anniversary of the San Antonio Public Library and extend sincere best wishes for its continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for prominent display at the San Antonio Public Library as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 5, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate