

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 792

WHEREAS, In observance of Mother's Day, May 11, 2003, the Senate of the State of Texas takes great pride in recognizing the mothers of the members of this distinguished body, mothers who work at the Senate, mothers of all Senate staff members and mothers across the state; and

WHEREAS, Tributes to mothers have spanned many cultures throughout human history; the Greeks dedicated their annual spring festival to Rhea, mother of many deities, and the Romans made offerings to the Great Mother of Gods, Cybele; in England, the Christian commemoration of Mary, mother of Christ, was expanded to include all mothers and was called Mothering Day; and

WHEREAS, In our nation, Mother's Day had its beginnings nearly 150 years ago when an Appalachian homemaker, Anna Jarvis, organized a Mother's Work Day; after her death in 1905, her daughter, also named Anna, distributed white carnations to honor her mother during a church service; she lobbied politicians to create a special day in honor of mothers, and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday; and

WHEREAS, The second Sunday of May was established as Mother's Day, and celebrations and activities in honor of the day flourished in our country; and

WHEREAS, It is indeed fitting for the senators to honor their mothers, all mothers associated with the Senate and mothers

throughout the state on Mother's Day in recognition of the extraordinary contributions mothers make to society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to our own mothers and mothers and mothers-to-be all across the state on the grand occasion of Mother's Day.

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Shapiro, Van de Putte

Member, Texas Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 9, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate