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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For nearly half a century, the Feria de las Flores
2 pageant in Corpus Christi has raised scholarship money for
3 deserving college-bound students, and LULAC Council No. 1 has
4 admirably upheld this time-honored tradition; and

5 WHEREAS, Created and organized by Joe Flores, the event has
6 been sponsored by the council since its inaugural contest in 1959,
7 when Abby Pina was crowned as the first Feria de las Flores queen;
8 through the generous support of the South Texas business community,
9 LULAC has distributed more than \$1 million in scholarship funds to
10 date to students throughout the Coastal Bend area; and

11 WHEREAS, The competition's contestants are judged in six
12 categories: beauty, personality, poise, costume, dance routine,
13 and onstage question, and the event, which is designed to pay
14 tribute to the heritage of Mexican American citizens, features
15 music, dance, and dress that typify various regions south of the
16 border; and

17 WHEREAS, Joining last year's winner, reigning queen Marina
18 Ramon, the talented individuals participating in this year's
19 competition on July 23, 2005, are Sonya Adame, Amanda Arreola,
20 Angela Balarin, Jacqueline Castellanos, Josette Gonzales, Jennifer
21 Gonzalez, Jessica Gonzalez, Jeanette Rivera, Crystal Rodriguez,
22 Tiffany Rosas, Teresa Sanchez, and Dionisia Torres; and

23 WHEREAS, Through their involvement, these contestants have
24 demonstrated great cultural pride and community spirit, and they

1 may indeed look forward to bright and promising futures; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commend Marina Ramon on her reign as the 2004
5 Queen of Feria de las Flores and extend to the 2005 contestants
6 sincere best wishes for a memorable event; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the participants as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.