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## RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, Through their involvement, these contestants demonstrate great cultural pride and community spirit, and look forward to bright and promising futures; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas 21 Legislature hereby commend the Feria de las Flores pageant and 22 extend to it sincere best wishes for a continuous future; and, be it 23 further

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RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for the participants as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2312 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House