By: Herrero H.R. No. 2312

RESOLUTION

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

Legislature hereby commend the Feria de las Flores pageant and

extend to it sincere best wishes for a continuous future; and, be it

further

24 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.