

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 77

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the members of the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association and the association's president, Thomas A. Gates, on their successful annual planning of the celebration of Washington's Birthday in Laredo; and

WHEREAS, Every year, the citizens of Laredo celebrate the birthday of the Father of Our Country; the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association sponsors the celebration to pay tribute to the memory of George Washington and to his virtues and his patriotism; the 108th Celebration will take place from January 29 through February 20, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Since its beginning as a two-day event in 1898, the Washington's Birthday Celebration gradually has evolved into a grand celebration entailing numerous events in the United States and in Mexico; spectators and participants enjoy marching bands and floats, spectacular fireworks displays, food, games and entertainers from both sides of the border; and

WHEREAS, The yearly celebrations exemplify the spirit and enthusiasm of Laredoans and the pride they take in their city and country; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend the members of the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association on their patriotism and their dedication and extend best wishes to them for a joyous 108th birthday celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the association as an expression of highest regard from the Texas Senate.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 1, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate