

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 142

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize for the fourth year the outstanding contributions of the Texas Exes to their alma mater and to render a Texas-size welcome to the Mexican students enrolled at The University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1885, the Texas Exes alumni organization of The University of Texas connects graduates to their alma mater and to each other through a multiplicity of programs, including scholarships, teaching awards and career services; and

WHEREAS, Students from our nearest neighbor, Mexico, have studied at The University of Texas at Austin since 1940; the university and Mexico have historic ties due to shared academic endeavors; the Graduate School of Business has developed joint degree programs with Mexican institutions, and Mexico is the leading country of choice for the university students who study abroad; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, our state's 72nd Legislature established a tuition assistance program to encourage students from Mexico with limited financial resources to study in our state, thus making Texas a responsive educational partner to Mexico; and

WHEREAS, The generosity of the Texas Exes and their active participation in the university's community attest to their commitment to their alma mater, and the school's distinguished record of educating Mexican students is indicative of the successful collaboration between Texas and Mexico; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend the Texas Exes and the Mexican students at The University of Texas at Austin for their special and unique contributions to the school and to our state; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 16, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate