

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 157**

**WHEREAS**, Members of the Stephen F. Austin State University Student Government Association and Alumni Association are visiting the Capitol on February 16 and 17, 2005, and this noteworthy occasion provides a fitting opportunity to honor these commendable organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Serving as the voice of the student body, the Student Government Association is an effective conduit through which students express concerns and make suggestions to university administration; to that end, the organization has executive, judicial, and legislative branches and regularly passes legislation to improve the quality of student life at the university and to ensure that students' views are reflected in policies being implemented at the school; and

**WHEREAS**, Through its myriad endeavors, the Student Government Association helps to develop future leaders of this state and nation and provides an important forum for the more than 11,000 students currently enrolled; and

**WHEREAS**, Since 1925, over 94,000 men and women have graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University and these former students and other friends of the university are ably represented by the nonprofit Stephen F. Austin State University Alumni Association; the organization serves its membership through a host of programs and activities that perpetuate an attitude of loyalty and support to the school; moreover, the association, together with the Stephen F. Austin State University Alumni Foundation, present between \$500,000 and \$1 million in scholarships and awards to approximately 900 students each year; and

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**WHEREAS**, Stephen F. Austin State University has long been a source of pride to its former and current students, faculty, and administration, and the ongoing efforts of these organizations ensure that it will remain a vital educational institution in the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby recognize February 16 and 17, 2005, as Stephen F. Austin State University Student Government Association and Alumni Association Days at the Capitol and extend to the organizations' members sincere best wishes for a memorable and rewarding visit to Austin; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Stephen F. Austin State University Student Government Association and Alumni Association as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 17, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate