

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 174

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize San Felipe in Austin County as the birthplace of the Texas Rangers; and

WHEREAS, San Felipe became the site of the creation of the Texas Rangers in 1823; that year, only two years after Anglo-American colonization formally began in Texas, empresario Stephen F. Austin hired 10 experienced frontiersmen as "rangers" for a punitive expedition against a band of Indians; and

WHEREAS, On November 24, 1835, the City of San Felipe also served as the site where Texas lawmakers instituted a specific force known as the Texas Rangers; according to the official Hall of Fame and Museum for the Texas Rangers at Waco, "Ranger" or "Ranging company" were the precursors leading to our present-day Texas Rangers; and

WHEREAS, San Felipe engendered the respected law enforcement organization, the Texas Rangers, more than 180 years ago; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to San Felipe as the historic birthplace of the Texas Rangers; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for San Felipe in Austin County as an expression of high regard from 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 24, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate