

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 268**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Celebrate Texas for its many contributions to our state and its sponsorship of this year's Texas Independence Day festivities; and

**WHEREAS**, Celebrate Texas was created six years ago by the late Jay L. Johnson, Jr., a longtime Austin civic and business leader; Jay's great love and vision for celebrating Texas Independence Day continues today through the work of Celebrate Texas and Jay's widow, Marsha Johnson; and

**WHEREAS**, Jay created the slogan "Together We're Texas" for Texas Independence Day celebrations, emphasizing that the holiday belongs to all Texans and that the celebrations should reflect the many cultures that make up the history of our great state; and

**WHEREAS**, Events hosted by Celebrate Texas this year include the State Cemetery Memorial Service, the Capitol Celebration, the Texas Independence Day Parade, the annual 5K Run, the annual State Champion Bar-B-Q Cook-off, and the Jay L. Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament; and

**WHEREAS**, Participants in the Celebrate Texas Capitol Celebration are The Happy Czech Singers from La Grange, the Buffalo Soldiers of the Ninth Cavalry at Camp Mabry, Miss Ashli Parish of the Holy Cross Catholic Church Youth Choir, the Lone Star Kids and K. R. Wood and the Fathers of Texas Band from Electra, Texas, Roy Lozano's Ballet Folklorico Group, and the Texas School for the Deaf Signing Choir; and

**WHEREAS**, Celebrate Texas deserves recognition for bringing Texans together in celebration of Texas Independence Day and for promoting patriotism and pride in our state; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend the members of Celebrate Texas on their hard work and superior planning and express appreciation to them for organizing these Texas Independence Day activities; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Celebrate Texas as an expression of esteem 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 March 2, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate