

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 334

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize March 9, 2005, as Mission Day at the Capitol and welcome the citizens of Mission who have traveled to Austin for this occasion; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Mission was founded in 1908, the year the Missouri Pacific Railroad established a station in the area, and the city was named for La Lomita Mission, which was located nearby; since then, Mission has grown to be a thriving city with a population nearing 50,000; and

**WHEREAS**, The first citrus trees in the Rio Grande Valley were planted in the Mission area; today, the citrus industry is a multimillion-dollar business, which is celebrated each year at the Citrus Fiesta; and

**WHEREAS**, Mission was immortalized in Larry McMurtry's novel and miniseries, *Lonesome Dove*, and notable residents have included former United States Senator and Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen and former United States Congressman and Agriculture Secretary Kika de la Garza; Mission was the childhood home of Tom Landry and a second home to Governor Allan Shivers and the illustrious William Jennings Bryan; and

**WHEREAS**, Mission Day at the Capitol provides an opportunity to honor the city's heritage and its many charms, which are enjoyed by residents and vacationers of all ages; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby join the citizens of Mission in paying tribute to this unique city and extend to them best wishes for an enjoyable Mission Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the residents of the City of Mission 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 9, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate