

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 345

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pride in recognizing the German exchange students who are visiting James Bowie High School and in extending to them a warm welcome on the occasion of their visit to the Capitol on March 16, 2005; and

WHEREAS, The exchange students are participating in the German-American Partnership Program, which is part of the Goethe Institute, an international organization sponsored by the German government; since its establishment in 1977, the program has helped promote German instruction in high schools throughout the United States and has educated young people with regard to the host country's culture and way of life; and

WHEREAS, Miriam "Mimi" Parris is the James Bowie High School teacher who sponsors the school's exchange program; she began sponsoring exchanges with the Munich area in 1989, first with a high school in Pullach and then with Gymnasium Oberhaching, a high school southeast of Munich; and

WHEREAS, The German exchange students visiting James Bowie High School are Nikola Berkmann, Claudia Baur, Natalie Wittlinger, Melanie Froemel, Julia Temper, Rebecca Linde, Daniel Wirmer, Tobias Sattler, Lorenz Popp, Carl Warkentin, Elena Ayvatoglou, Ines Geissler, Friederike Warbus, Kira Florian, Manuela Koch, Sandra Krause, Christian Goldmann, Patrick Schwedes, Niklas Schroth, and Andreas Augat; their teacher sponsors are Eleonore Vickers and Ludwig Pichler; and

WHEREAS, It is a genuine pleasure to have these students and their teacher sponsors as guests in the Lone Star State, and it is sincerely hoped that their visit here is a most enjoyable one; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby extend hospitality and a warm welcome to each of these students and teachers and recognize them as Honorary Texans with all attendant rights and privileges thereof; and, be it further

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

Barrientos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 9, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate