

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 385

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Cirque du Soleil on the occasion of its 20th anniversary and its Austin performance of Varekai; and

WHEREAS, Cirque du Soleil was founded in Montreal in 1984 by street performers; the company presents a theatrical blend of circus arts played out against fairyland sets and accompanied by magical effects and spellbinding soundtracks; it currently has 10 shows in production on three continents; and

WHEREAS, The company has brought its latest touring production to Austin and is performing February 24 through March 27; and

WHEREAS, The critically acclaimed Varekai is a kaleidoscopic production imbued with fantastical creatures; the show is noted for its extraordinary lighting and elaborate set designs; its cast consists of more than 50 performers and musicians from a variety of countries; dressed in flamboyant costumes, cast members put on an astonishing spectacle that combines athleticism with artistry; and

WHEREAS, Cirque du Soleil has created a uniquely special show, and Austin is proud to be the site of this historic performance of Varekai; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend all associated with Cirque du Soleil on their exceptional talents and artistic accomplishments and extend to them best wishes on the grand occasion of the 20th anniversary of Cirque du Soleil; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Cirque du Soleil 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 17, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate