

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 434

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome the distinguished citizens of the Delta Area in Hidalgo County who are visiting Austin on March 21, 2005, to celebrate the significant role this historic locale has played in the development of the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, The Delta Area was settled in the 18th century by ranchers who introduced cattle, sheep, and a variety of crops to the region; Spanish land grants in the vicinity included the Llano Grande, given to Juan José Ynojosa de Ballí in 1790, and a grant issued to Vicente de Ynojosa in 1797; some 50 or more years later, Miguel Fernández and Macedonio Vela operated their ranches, La Bota and Laguna Seca, in the area; and

WHEREAS, In the early 20th century, lured by the bright prospects for building a better life and the advent of irrigation farming, many people from the Midwest and from Northern Mexico began making their homes in the region; with the railroad running through the community, the Delta Area was home to some of the largest canning and packaging companies anywhere in the world; agriculture continues to play a major role in the economic development of the community, but it is no longer the dominant employer in the region; and

WHEREAS, Cities and communities in the Delta Area include Edcouch, Elsa, La Villa, and Monte Alto; these fine communities continue to provide a high quality of life for the area's residents and especially their children; the local football fields, neighborhood parks, and baseball diamonds are filled with young athletes and their parents; local libraries, the Boys and Girls Clubs, and community-based centers provide the youth of the area with positive and constructive activities; and

WHEREAS, Deeply committed to the public education system, area residents take special pride in their local school districts; a friendly rivalry is always apparent between the Edcouch-Elsa Yellowjackets, the La Villa Cardinals, and the Monte Alto Blue Devils; local schools not only provide the community with a sense of pride on the athletic fields but are also dedicated to providing excellence in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, The residents of these proud Delta communities are drawing on the strengths of all their people as they work to preserve their rich heritage and build toward a future of unlimited opportunity, and their efforts are truly worthy of legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby recognize March 21, 2005, as Delta Day at the State Capitol and extend to all the residents of the Delta Area sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable celebration; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as a memento of this special occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 21, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate