

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 518

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Chabad Lubavitch of San Antonio on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Founded by Rabbi Chaim Block to inspire a sense of belonging among Jewish residents, the center offers a variety of services to its congregation, including a summer day camp for children, individual counseling, and Shabbat dinners where people can assemble, socialize, and discuss Judaism; and

WHEREAS, The center also has a preschool and has offered courses in Kabbalah and studies of the Torah at local businesses; in 1998, Rabbi Block began the annual Chanukah on the River celebration, which features barges gliding down the San Antonio River carrying menorahs; and

WHEREAS, The Lubavitcher movement, which is a branch of Hasidic Judaism, began in 18th century Russia; Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson revived the organization after the Holocaust, and today there are more than 250 Chabad Lubavitch centers in 42 states; and

WHEREAS, A dinner and concert, "L'Chaim to Life," featuring international singer Dudu Fisher, marked the anniversary at the Empire Theater on March 27, 2005; Dudu Fisher has performed with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and the London Symphony Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Chabad Lubavitch has promoted religious and cultural traditions in the Jewish community and has introduced and informed the wider community about Jewish traditions and customs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby congratulate the Chabad Lubavitch center of San Antonio for its 20 years of service to the community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 31, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate