

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 698

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pride in recognizing the organizers of the 45th Annual League of United Latin American Citizens' Feria de las Flores and the Feria's participants on the occasion of their visit to the State Capitol on April 27, 2005; and

WHEREAS, This is the 45th year that the LULAC Council Number One has sponsored the Feria de las Flores; the council is noted for its efforts to raise money for scholarships for qualified college-bound students; through the generosity of South Texas businesses, the council has given more than \$1 million in scholarship money to the winners of the Feria; and

WHEREAS, The Feria de las Flores is a celebration of the heritage of Mexican American citizens and includes dance, music, and dress typical of the different regions south of the border; the participants compete in the categories of dance routine, costume, poise, personality, beauty, and on-stage questioning; and

WHEREAS, The first Feria de las Flores was created and organized by Joe Flores in 1959, and Abby Piña was crowned the first Feria de las Flores Queen; this year the contestants are Sonya Adame, Amanda Arreola, Angela Balarin, Jacqueline Castellanos, Josette Gonzales, Jennifer Gonzalez, Jessica Gonzalez, Jeanette Rivera, Crystal Rodriguez, Tiffany Rosas, Teresa Sanchez, and Dionisia Torres; the 2004 Feria de las Flores Queen is Marina Ramon; and

WHEREAS, Council Number One's Feria de las Flores is an exemplary competition that provides educational opportunities for the young people of South Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend the League of United Latin American Citizens' Council Number One on its humanitarian endeavors and extend a warm welcome to the participants and organizers of the 45th Annual Feria de las Flores; and, be it further

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

Hinojosa

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 27, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate