

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 744

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Austin Bar Association and to proclaim May 6, 2005, Law Day in Austin; and

WHEREAS, American Bar Association president Robert Grey will address people from across the country who are attending the Law Day in Austin celebration; he will speak on one of the principles on which the nation was founded--the right to trial by jury; and

WHEREAS, Law Day is a commemoration of our great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under the law for all; a central part of this heritage is the right to trial by jury; and

WHEREAS, Guaranteed in Article III of the Constitution of the United States and strengthened by the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Amendments, the right to trial by jury stands as the foundation upon which the legal system is built; and

WHEREAS, The decisions made by jurors affect millions of lives every day; few activities in civic life provide such direct contact with democracy as does jury service; and

WHEREAS, The first Congress of the United States insisted on preserving the right to a trial by jury to ensure that future generations would be judged by representatives of the people, not by government; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend the Austin Bar Association for paying tribute to the foundation of the legal system and extend best wishes to all participating in the Law Day in Austin activities; and, be it further

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

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate