

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1089

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Encore Theatre in Houston on the occasion of its 10th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, A vibrant arts community contributes immeasurably to the spirit and character of a city, and the Encore Theatre is a vital part of the thriving cultural landscape of Houston; and

WHEREAS, Founded by Harold J. Haynes to give African-American artists a place to give voice to their own perspective, the Encore Theatre provides an opportunity for a culturally and racially diverse audience to see the world through the prism of different points of view; and

WHEREAS, Innovation and diversity are the foundation of a successful theater, and the Encore Theatre produces original plays by emerging playwrights, classic Greek and Shakespearean works, and important American landmarks such as Richard Wright's *Native Son*; and

WHEREAS, The Encore Theatre takes seriously the mandate of the arts to face issues of importance and annually produces plays that focus on women's issues, children at risk issues, and male-centered issues; and

WHEREAS, Many of the Encore Theatre's actors, directors, and playwrights have gone on to success in film and on the Broadway stage; and

WHEREAS, The Encore Theatre takes an active role in the life of the Houston community at large; it sponsors food baskets for the homeless and provides complimentary tickets and performances for the boys housed at the Juvenile Detention Center and the Harris County Youth Village; and

WHEREAS, With its commitment to cultivating new generations of theater artists and audiences, the Encore Theatre is truly deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend the Encore Theatre for its valuable contributions to the Houston community and join all associated with the theater in celebrating June 30, 2005, as Encore Day; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 29, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate