

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 591

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Society of Mayflower Descendants of the State of Texas on the occasion of its 76th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The Society of Mayflower Descendants was chartered on December 24, 1931, and the members in the Lone Star State trace their lineage directly back to the Pilgrims who arrived in the New World aboard the *Mayflower*; and

WHEREAS, The celebrated Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock in December of 1620 and faced cruel hardships and rigorous struggles their first year, which included a death toll of half of the population; the Texas society was founded by the lineal descendants of that courageous band of survivors in order to preserve their memory, their records, and their history; and

WHEREAS, The society was founded on the principles of the civil and religious liberty set forth in the Mayflower Compact, such as cherishing and maintaining the ideals and institutions of American freedom; this exemplary organization is dedicated to the values that built this state and this nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the Society of Mayflower Descendants of the State of Texas for keeping alive the spirit of the Pilgrims and extend congratulations to the organization on the occasion of its 76th anniversary; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the society as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 29, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate