

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 976

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas on the auspicious occasion of its 70th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The American Civil Liberties Union of Texas was born out of the struggles of pecan shellers in San Antonio in the 1930s; under the leadership of a young Latina, Emma Tenayuca, this largely immigrant community sought justice as they saw their wages fall to below subsistence levels; and

WHEREAS, In response to the strike provoked by these injustices, national labor leaders came to San Antonio and developed the movement into an event of national importance; in response to these events Mayor Maury Maverick of San Antonio and other activists founded the Texas Civil Liberties Union in 1938; and

WHEREAS, In the intervening years, the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas has fought tirelessly to maintain people's constitutional rights, and the organization deserves recognition for its hard work and many achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas for its enduring work defending the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the United States and extend to its members and leadership best wishes for a memorable 70th anniversary celebration; and, be it further

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

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate