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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to 2 welcome the reigning Feria de las Flores queen, Ariel Natalie 3 Monte, and contestants of the 2009 Scholarship Pageant to the State 4 Capitol on April 22, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, The pageant has been sponsored by LULAC Council No. 6 1 since 1959; through the generous support of the South Texas 7 business community, LULAC has distributed more than \$1.5 million in 8 scholarship funds to students throughout the Coastal Bend area; and

9 WHEREAS, The competition's contestants are judged in six 10 categories: beauty, personality, poise, costume, dance routine, 11 and onstage question, and the event, which is designed to pay 12 tribute to the heritage of Mexican American citizens, features 13 music, dance, and dress that typify various regions south of the 14 border; and

WHEREAS, Joining last year's winner, reigning queen Ariel Natalie Monte, the talented individuals participating in this year's competition are Sierra Acebo, Alyssa Alcala, Meghan Beltran, Rhayne Castro, Jasmine Delgado, Gabriella Medina, Rhonda Reyes, Rubina Rivera, Charlotte Rodriguez, and Amy Sanchez; and

20 WHEREAS, Through their involvement, these contestants have 21 demonstrated great cultural pride and community spirit, and they 22 may indeed look forward to bright and promising futures; now, 23 therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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Legislature hereby welcome Ariel Natalie Monte, the reigning queen of Feria de las Flores, and the 2009 pageant contestants to the State Capitol and extend to them sincere best wishes for a memorable visit; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 6 prepared for the participants as an expression of high regard by the 7 Texas House of Representatives.