

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 246

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the delegation of distinguished legislators from the West African nations of Liberia and Sierra Leone as they visit the State Capitol on a study mission; and

WHEREAS, Organized by the Institute for Representative Government in cooperation with the National Democratic Institute, this important study mission brings this impressive delegation to our state to investigate procedures and systems relating to the oversight of extractive industries and to discuss strategies for reducing poverty; and

WHEREAS, The members of the delegation from Liberia are Senator Franklin Siakor, Representative Gabriel Smith, and Representative Victoria Lynch; and

WHEREAS, The members of the delegation from Sierra Leone are Deputy Majority Leader Sheku B. B. Dumbuya, the Honorable Emma Kowa, and the Honorable Shiaka Musa Sama; and

WHEREAS, These distinguished legislators represent a diverse range of political parties and movements within their respective nations; their commitment to the principles and practices of good governance is justly deserving of respect and recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the legislative delegation from Liberia and Sierra Leone on their dedication to improving the legislative processes in their nations and extend to them a heartfelt welcome to the State Capitol; and, be it further

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

Hinojosa

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 18, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate