SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 260

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins Capital City citizens in congratulating the Austin Tour Guide Association on the occasion of its third annual gala event, which is taking place Monday evening, February 23, 2009, at Scholz Garten; and

WHEREAS, The Austin Tour Guide Association has offered training and certification for city-based trip leaders since 2006; its members work for private companies and in such places as the Texas Capitol, the Old Land Office Building, and the Austin Visitor Center; and

WHEREAS, Numbering upwards of 27 members, the organization assures high-quality guidance with comprehensive, entertaining, and timely facts about Austin and Central Texas for newcomers and visitors; and

WHEREAS, In the culmination of the association's rigorous certification process, each new guide will receive a badge and certificate, then introduce his or her touring specialty at the annual gala; guests will also enjoy door prize giveaways, tasty snacks, and live music from talented local songwriters and instrumentalists; and

WHEREAS, The evening marks the association's continuing dedication to its role as an important contributor to the state's travel and tourism industry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend and congratulate the Austin Tour Guide Association on its inaugural festivities with best wishes for future success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Austin Tour Guide Association as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 23, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate