

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 600

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the City of Prairie View on the grand occasion of its 40th birthday on April 14, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Prairie View citizens are hosting a 40th birthday celebration the first weekend of May; the celebration will include food, entertainment, and a parade of businesses; and

WHEREAS, The history of the City of Prairie View is linked to the history of Prairie View A&M University, which was established in 1876; it was not until the 1960s, during the administration of Dr. A. I. Thomas, the university's president, that a committee was formed to begin the process of incorporating the area adjacent to the university into the City of Prairie View; and

WHEREAS, In February of 1969, the articles of incorporation were approved for the city of 5,000 citizens, and *The Prairie View City News*, a bimonthly newspaper, was established that spring; at the time of its founding, the city was dependent on the university for fire protection, ambulance service, and medical services; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Prairie View consisted of the Waller Independent School District junior high school, five churches, two gas stations, a bus station, a beauty parlor, a barbershop, a grocery store, and a cafeteria; Eristus Sams, a farmer, was elected mayor of the city; and

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WHEREAS, Today, Prairie View's Economic Development Corporation promotes the area as a choice business location for national and international firms and helps companies that are relocating to the region to find the site best suited to their needs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby congratulate the citizens of Prairie View on their city's rich history and on the quality of life it now affords area residents and express best wishes to all on the occasion of Prairie View's 40th birthday; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the City of Prairie View.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 8, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate