

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 905

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Avenida Guadalupe Association in San Antonio on the grand occasion of its 30th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, When the citizens of the Avenida Guadalupe neighborhood came together 30 years ago, their goal was to revitalize the neighborhood and encourage growth while maintaining and protecting the neighborhood's distinctive quality and personality; and

WHEREAS, The Avenida Guadalupe Association has become a major force for economic development in San Antonio's Westside with projects that have ranged from constructing low-income senior housing to revitalizing city facilities, managing office space, and providing counseling for home buyers; and

WHEREAS, The association's community-based efforts began with the renovation of the historic Guadalupe Theatre; it then constructed the Plaza Guadalupe, which transformed a dilapidated area into a beautiful community park; next was the El Parian Business Incubator, developed to provide low-cost office space and to cultivate commerce; and the association also renovated the El Progreso Community Center that today serves as a meeting and rental place; and

WHEREAS, The Avenida Guadalupe Association is certified by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to teach home ownership training courses and to lead individual counseling sessions; it sponsors numerous events and celebrations, and it has received many awards over the years, setting the standard for inner city revitalization; and

WHEREAS, The association has indeed fulfilled its mission to transform the physical, cultural, and economic conditions of the Avenida Guadalupe neighborhood and to improve the quality of life for its citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas hereby commend members of the Avenida Guadalupe Association for the group's many accomplishments and extend to all best wishes for a memorable 30th anniversary celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 13, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate