

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1044

WHEREAS, The Texas Constitution sets forth a declaration of rights, "That the general, great and essential principles of liberty and free government may be recognized and established"; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1, of the Texas Constitution declares, "Texas is a free and independent State, subject only to the Constitution of the United States, and the maintenance of our free institutions and the perpetuity of the Union depend upon the preservation of the right of local self-government, unimpaired to all the States."; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2, of the Texas Constitution declares, "All political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their benefit. The faith of the people of Texas stands pledged to the preservation of a republican form of government, and, subject to this limitation only, they have at all times the inalienable right to alter, reform or abolish their government in such a manner as they may think expedient."; and

WHEREAS, The Ninth Amendment of the United States Constitution declares, "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."; and

WHEREAS, The Tenth Amendment of the United States Constitution declares, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."; and

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence approved by the Second Continental Congress of the thirteen United States of America did so eloquently declare, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."; and

WHEREAS, Those elected by the people at all levels of government should be responsive to the people and renew their commitment to defending and upholding the principles inscribed in the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America, the United States Constitution, and the Texas Constitution; and

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence of the United States of America, the United States Constitution, and the Texas Constitution express in no uncertain terms or ambiguity that we the people of the United States of America and the State of Texas are entitled to the rights bestowed by our God for our mutual benefit by His benevolence; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby pay tribute to and reaffirm the rights guaranteed to the people of the United States as expressed by the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America, the United States Constitution, and the Texas Constitution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Senate hereby honor those who have exercised their rights to free speech, free assembly, and free expression in support of our constitutional rights and individual liberties.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on June 1, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate