

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1066

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the 23rd annual Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games being held in Arlington on June 5 through 7, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Renowned as the largest Scottish gathering in the nation, the Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games will showcase national and regional Scottish, folk, and Celtic entertainers, professional athletes, and champion Highland dancers; the Texas Scottish Festival has been rated by *The Highlander* magazine as the number one Scottish festival in North America for entertainment and talent; and

WHEREAS, There will be three days filled with an exciting array of food, fun, and family activities that will include athletic and dance competitions and performances, Scottish fiddle workshops, genealogy and educational seminars, bagpiping contests, and children's games; a Friday evening Calling of the Clans ceremony will honor the Scottish clans in attendance; and

WHEREAS, People of Scottish descent have played a vibrant and influential role in the development of the State of Texas; more than 40 percent of Stephen F. Austin's original 300 colonists were of Scottish ancestry; one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence was Collin McKinney, a man of Scottish descent after whom both Collin County and the City of McKinney were named; and

WHEREAS, A number of Scotsmen fought in the Battle of the Alamo, and others were instrumental in financing the building of the State Capitol; and

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WHEREAS, Texans of Scottish ancestry take great pride in sharing with others their rich history, and it is indeed appropriate that the month of June 2009 be set aside to pay tribute to persons of Scottish ancestry and their many contributions to this state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby welcome the people of Scottish ancestry and devotees of the Scottish heritage to the 23rd annual Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Arlington and proclaim the month of June 2009 as Texas Scottish History Month; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Texas Scottish History Month.

Harris, Davis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 29, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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