

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 205

WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Kingsville are gathering in Austin on February 9, 2011, to celebrate Kingsville Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Founded on Independence Day in 1905, Kingsville is home to the world-famous King Ranch, which helped develop the Santa Gertrudis cattle breed and has long been a prominent supplier of quarter horses; the ranch was also the home of Triple Crown winner Assault and has been a leader in agriculture for more than 150 years; and

WHEREAS, An important center of higher education in South Texas since 1925, Texas A&M University--Kingsville includes the Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering, the Dick and Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture, the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, and the Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy; the university has claimed seven national football championships and has recently been recognized for its excellent environmental engineering program, jazz band, and wildlife society; this fine institution saw enrollment increase more than 12 percent in fall 2010 and has opened a new dormitory and student recreation center, with construction on two more residence halls and a new dining facility already under way; and

WHEREAS, Naval Air Station Kingsville features the premier undergraduate pilot training facility in the United States, which prepares United States Navy and Marine Corps pilots for their key role in national defense; within the past two years, the base has added an Army Reserve Medical Evacuation unit and an Armed Forces Reserve Center; construction has also begun on a new facility to be used by United States Border Patrol agents stationed in the area; and

WHEREAS, Kingsville, along with the rest of Kleberg County and neighboring Kenedy County, is a place of diversified industries; thanks to the presence of companies producing oil, gas, nuclear, wind, and solar power, the area's economy has continued to grow, resulting in new jobs and an improved quality of life for residents; among the Kingsville businesses that are presently expanding their facilities and employment offerings are Texas Cementing Services and Proco, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, The hardworking and forward-looking citizens of Kingsville are building on a long tradition of progressive development, and their achievements are indeed deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby recognize February 9, 2011, as Kingsville Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a memorable stay in Austin; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the citizens of Kingsville as an expression of regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 9, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate