

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 797

**WHEREAS**, Contestants of the 2011 Feria de las Flores Scholarship Pageant are visiting the State Capitol on April 20, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, The pageant has been sponsored by the League of United Latin American Citizens Council No. 1 since 1959; through the generous support of the South Texas business community, the League of United Latin American Citizens has distributed more than \$1.5 million in scholarship funds to students throughout the Coastal Bend area; and

**WHEREAS**, The competition's contestants are judged in six categories: beauty, personality, poise, costume, dance routine, and onstage question, and the event, which is designed to pay tribute to the heritage of Mexican American citizens, features music, dance, and dress that typify various regions south of the border; and

**WHEREAS**, The talented individuals participating in this year's competition are Vanessa Leigh-anne Valdez of Kingsville, Betty Danielle Caraballo-Coronado, April De La Paz, Cintia Hinojosa, Valerie Rangel, Geneva Salinas, and Maricella Sanchez of Corpus Christi, and Myriah Gomez, Bianca Silvas, and Krystella Stobbs of Robstown; and

**WHEREAS**, Through their involvement, these contestants have demonstrated great cultural pride and community spirit, and they may indeed look forward to bright and promising futures; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby welcome the 2011 Feria de las Flores contestants to the State Capitol and extend to them sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful visit; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the participants as an expression of high 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 April 20, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate