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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 welcome the reigning Feria de las Flores queen, Mariela Hernandez,
3 and contestants of the 2013 Scholarship Pageant to the State
4 Capitol on April 9, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, The pageant has been sponsored by LULAC Council No.
6 1 since 1959; through the generous support of the South Texas
7 business community, LULAC has distributed more than \$1.5 million in
8 scholarship funds to students throughout the Coastal Bend area; and

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

15 WHEREAS, Joining last year's winner, reigning queen Mariela
16 Hernandez, and pageant sponsors Elva Estrada, Olivia Barrera,
17 Sylvia Garza, Bobby Barrera, and Carlos Moreno, the talented
18 individuals participating in this year's competition are Destinee
19 Martinez and Destini Rodriguez of Robstown, Mona-elo Martinez of
20 Kingsville, Vanessa Baltierra of Banquete, and Karen Cantu, Ivonne
21 Ramirez, Amber San Miguel, Heather Segovia, Alyssa Sifuentes,
22 Iliana Silvas, Elizabeth Escamilla, Angela Garcia, and Kristine
23 Garza, all of Corpus Christi; and

24 WHEREAS, Through their involvement, these contestants have

1 demonstrated great cultural pride and community spirit, and they
2 may indeed look forward to a bright and promising future; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
5 Legislature hereby welcome Mariela Hernandez, the reigning queen of
6 Feria de las Flores, and the 2013 Scholarship Pageant contestants
7 to the State Capitol and extend to them sincere best wishes for a
8 memorable visit; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the participants as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives.