SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 313

WHEREAS, A delegation of citizens from El Cenizo is visiting the State Capitol on February 26, 2013, on the occasion of El Cenizo Day; and

WHEREAS, Situated along the banks of the Rio Grande, the community was incorporated in 1989 and has a population of 3,500 people; it is the third largest city in Webb County and is under the leadership of Raul Lorenzo Reyes, who was first elected mayor in 2004, when he was only 21; and

WHEREAS, The people of El Cenizo are known for their ability to pull together to meet common goals; over the past few years, the town has created a police department, a municipal court, and the city's first fire station and has purchased \$250,000 in equipment for the volunteer fire department; and

WHEREAS, The city has also upgraded much of its infrastructure, including paving streets, installing more than 1,500 linear feet of sidewalk and 5,000 linear feet of storm drain, and constructing its first municipal park; nine new energy efficient homes have been built for elderly or disabled residents, and the city has strengthened its law enforcement efforts and reduced crime; and

WHEREAS, El Cenizo has distinguished itself as a community of concerned and committed people, and the citizens' hard work, solidarity, and dedication to positive growth and development are indeed deserving of commendation on this special day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby recognize February 26, 2013, as El Cenizo Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful visit to Austin.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 26, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate