

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 493

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join Houston's Azerbaijani American community and the Azerbaijani Cultural Center in celebrating Novruz; and

WHEREAS, Novruz is a spring equinox holiday that symbolizes the rebirth of nature and is rooted in more than 3,000 years of tradition; this important celebration is a vital part of the heritage and culture of numerous populations, including the Azerbaijani, Persian, Turkish, Parsi, and Afghan people; and

WHEREAS, In observance of this special holiday, a Novruz Dinner Dance is being held March 22, 2013, at Demer's Banquet Hall in Houston; and

WHEREAS, It is truly fitting that Texans join Azerbaijani Americans and other ethnic groups in celebrating this important occasion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend the Azerbaijani Cultural Center on its many contributions to diversity and intercultural understanding and extend to all participants best wishes for a successful and memorable Novruz Dinner Dance; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special event.

Ellis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 19, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate