

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 608

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

WHEREAS, The pageant has been sponsored by League of United Latin American Citizens Council No. 1 since 1959; through the generous support of the South Texas business community, LULAC 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, Joining last year's winner, reigning queen Mariela Hernandez, and pageant sponsors Elva Estrada, Olivia Barrera, Sylvia Garza, Bobby Barrera, and Carlos Moreno, the talented individuals participating in this year's competition are Destinee Martinez and Destini Rodriguez of Robstown, Mona-elo Martinez of Kingsville, Vanessa Baltierra of Banquete, and Karen Cantu, Ivonne Ramirez, Amber San Miguel, Heather Segovia, Alyssa Sifuentes, Iliana Silvas, Elizabeth Escamilla, Angela Garcia, and Kristine Garza, all of Corpus Christi; and

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby welcome Mariela Hernandez, the reigning queen of Feria de las Flores, and the 2013 Scholarship Pageant contestants to the State Capitol and extend to them sincere best wishes for an enjoyable visit; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the participants as an expression of high regard by 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 9, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate