

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 657

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the San Antonio Old Spanish Trail Centennial Celebration Association in commemorating the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Old Spanish Trail; and

WHEREAS, The Old Spanish Trail movement was organized to promote a paved automobile highway across the southern United States that connected the historically important communities of Saint Augustine, New Orleans, San Antonio, El Paso, Tucson, and San Diego; organizers held the first meeting in Mobile, Alabama, in 1915, with subsequent meetings held in cities along the proposed route of the highway; and

WHEREAS, Construction took place throughout the 1920s; zero-mile markers were erected in San Antonio and at both end points of the route, and travelogues were published annually to highlight the road's progress; upon the highway's completion in 1929, a motorcade drove from San Diego to Saint Augustine and back; and

WHEREAS, The 100th anniversary celebration of the roadway will include reenactments of the conferences that led to its creation and of the motorcade that marked its completion; it will also raise awareness of alternatives to the interstate highway system for travelers interested in recapturing the historic ambience of the gulf and southern border states; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend the San Antonio Old Spanish Trail Centennial Celebration Association on its efforts to raise

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awareness of the importance of this historic highway and extend to its members best wishes for a successful 100th anniversary celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the association as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte, Campbell

Uresti, Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 15, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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