

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 832

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of San Antonio in recognizing the San Antonio Scorpions and celebrating the beginning of the team's 2013 season; and

WHEREAS, Founded by Texas philanthropist Gordon Hartman, the Scorpions brought professional soccer to San Antonio when Mr. Hartman launched the franchise in 2012 as part of a plan to sustain Morgan's Wonderland, a theme park that was designed to accommodate guests with special needs; all of the net proceeds from the San Antonio Scorpions go toward the support of Morgan's Wonderland; and

WHEREAS, The San Antonio Scorpions franchise occupies a unique role in supporting Morgan's Wonderland, and the team's players have demonstrated an outstanding level of skill and athleticism from the outset; in April of 2012, the team played its first home game to a sold-out crowd of 13,151, and it later ended the year by winning the North American Soccer League regular-season championship; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by the uplifting life and positive outlook of 19-year-old Morgan Hartman, this extraordinary partnership bridges professional sports, philanthropy, and the special-needs community, and it represents the profound unity and success that can result when divergent entities come together for a common cause; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend the San Antonio Scorpions franchise and its founder, Gordon Hartman, on their outstanding success and their ongoing dedication to creating a better world for people with special needs; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the team and Mr. Hartman as an expression of high esteem from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate