

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 398

WHEREAS, On September 26, 2014, forty-three college students from the Raúl Isidro Burgos Rural Normal School in Ayotzinapa, Guerrero, Mexico, disappeared in Iguala, Mexico; and

WHEREAS, The Ayotzinapa students were mostly teenagers and young men from poor, rural, campesino families who were training to become rural teachers and serve the indigenous and disadvantaged in their community; and

WHEREAS, It has been estimated that 25,000 to 26,000 people have disappeared in Mexico since 2006, and those who disappear often include the very vulnerable, such as the poor, migrants, women, and children; and

WHEREAS, There has been an international outcry regarding the missing students in Mexico from, among others, the United Nations, the Parliament of the United Kingdom, the European Parliament, and the international human rights community; and

WHEREAS, Parents of the Ayotzinapa students are visiting Austin on March 18, 19, and 20, 2015, as part of the Caravana 43 and will also visit several other cities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas adds its voice to those in the international community who are deeply concerned about the missing college students from Mexico; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the grieving families of the missing students from Ayotzinapa; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the families of those students as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate.

Garcia

Bettencourt	Hancock	Rodríguez
Birdwell	Hinojosa	Schwertner
Burton	Huffines	Seliger
Campbell	Huffman	Taylor of Galveston
Creighton	Kolkhorst	Taylor of Collin
Ellis	Lucio	Uresti
Eltife	Menéndez	Watson
Estes	Nelson	West
Fraser	Nichols	Whitmire
Hall	Perry	Zaffirini

Patrick, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 19, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate