

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 969

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the Houston-Baku Sister City Association and the Azerbaijan Center in Houston in celebrating Azerbaijan Republic Day; and

WHEREAS, Azerbaijani Americans are a recognized ethnic community with an established presence in Texas, where they actively contribute to regional diversity, intercultural understanding, and peace and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, The Republic of Azerbaijan was proclaimed 97 years ago on May 28, 1918; it was among the first nation-states to grant universal suffrage rights and was recognized by other democratic nations, including the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Azerbaijanis around the globe make up an ethnic group of some 45 million people; each year, they observe May 28 as Republic Day and reflect upon the many contributions their forefathers made to the spread of democracy; and

WHEREAS, For 97 years, this historic day has provided hope and inspiration to all those who cherish freedom and self-determination, and it is a pleasure to join with Azerbaijanis in this state and around the world to celebrate their country's history and proud origins; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commemorate the 97th anniversary of Azerbaijan Republic Day and extend to all those involved in the Houston-Baku Sister City Association and the Azerbaijan Center sincere best wishes for a memorable celebration; and, be it further

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

Ellis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 25, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate