

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 205

**WHEREAS**, Proud members of the Texas Court Reporters Association are visiting the State Capitol on February 15, 2017, in celebration of National Court Reporting and Captioning Week, taking place February 11-18; and

**WHEREAS**, Established in the 1930s, the Texas Court Reporters Association works to advance the profession of stenographic court reporting through education, advocacy, and service to its members; the organization helps to develop high standards for those employed in the field and also offers them opportunities to network with their peers and to discuss best practices and important issues confronting the industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Court reporters are dedicated to accurately and impartially capturing and preserving the spoken word through stenographic means; in addition to official reporters employed directly by the courts, members of the profession include freelancers, broadcast captioners, and Communications Access Realtime Translation captioners, who are often employed in classroom settings to assist those with impaired hearing; in all of these endeavors, court reporters and captioners use cutting-edge technology in order to translate the spoken word to text with near simultaneity; and

**WHEREAS**, Individuals working in this dynamic field contribute immeasurably to the legal system and facilitate a range of communication initiatives, and National Court Reporting and Captioning Week provides a welcome opportunity to recognize their multifaceted profession; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby honor the Texas Court Reporters Association on the occasion of the organization's visit to the State Capitol during National Court Reporting and Captioning Week and extend to the group's members sincere best wishes for success with their important work; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 15, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate