

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 693

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the members of the Texas Silver Student Study Group for their exceptional contributions to the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Sponsored by the STAR DAY Foundation of El Paso, the Texas Silver Student Study Group was initially organized in 2006 as an after-school education enrichment program at Lucy Rede Franco Middle School in Presidio; and

**WHEREAS**, The aim of the program was to plan, conduct, and document field trip expeditions to the Shafter Silver Mine as a means of studying the elemental properties of silver, exploring its uses, and researching silver-mining methods and technologies; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2007, the Texas Silver Student Study Group proposed that silver be designated as the Official Precious Metal of Texas, and as a result of their efforts, the Texas Legislature adopted House Concurrent Resolution 102 during the 80th Legislative Session; the group went on to propose community-sponsored resolutions in honor of the silver mine and its history and to play a role in supporting the Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund and other initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Through their work with the STAR DAY Foundation, the members of the Texas Silver Student Study Group have continued to enhance the story of the Lone Star State through local and state projects; they can indeed take pride in their outstanding efforts to commemorate Texas' unique history and culture; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend all associated with the Texas Silver Student Study Group for their exemplary legislative proposals and their valuable community service accomplishments; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this program and as an expression of esteem 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 April 27, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate