

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 717

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome Ariana Jones, the reigning Feria de las Flores queen, and the contestants of the 2017 Scholarship Pageant to the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The pageant has been sponsored by the League of United Latin American Citizens Council Number 1 since 1959; through the years, the council has relied on the generosity and support of the South Texas business community and has raised more than \$1 million in scholarship funds for students from the Coastal Bend region; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding event pays tribute to the heritage of Mexican American citizens and features music, dance, and dress that exemplify the various regions of our state's neighbor to the south; contestants in the pageant are judged on their performance in the categories of beauty, personality, poise, costume, dance routine, and onstage question; and

WHEREAS, Joining last year's winner, Ariana Jones, are the talented contestants in this year's pageant: Victoria Morin, Mireya Medina, Megan Lopez, Corina Alegria, Desney Torres, Katherine Flores, Valeria Arredondo, Antoinette Castillo, Kelly Flores, Mikayla Mondragon, Camryn Caylor, and Roslyn Jimenez; and

WHEREAS, These young women have demonstrated great cultural pride and community spirit through their participation in this exemplary event, and it is truly fitting that they receive special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend the reigning queen of Feria de las Flores, Ariana Jones, and the contestants of the 2017 Scholarship Pageant on their hard work and extend to them a sincere welcome to the Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Hinojosa

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate