

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 760

WHEREAS, The 300th anniversary of the founding of San Antonio is being commemorated in 2018; and

WHEREAS, San Antonio's roots can be traced back to an encampment known by local indigenous people as Yanaguana, which meant "the clear water" in their native language; in the late 1600s, Spanish explorers traveled through the area and gave it the name San Antonio de Padua; the site, located halfway between northern Mexico and Spanish settlements in East Texas, was subsequently chosen by Spanish authorities for the establishment of a permanent community; and

WHEREAS, On May 1, 1718, Martín de Alarcón, the governor of Coahuila y Tejas, and Fray Antonio de San Buenaventura y Olivares founded Mission San Antonio de Valero west of San Pedro Springs; moved several times before its present site was chosen in 1724, the mission would later become a fortress known as the Alamo; on May 5, 1718, the Spaniards also established a garrison, the Presidio San Antonio de Béjar, to protect the new mission, and the soldiers' families composed a rudimentary civilian settlement; four other missions were planted in the area over the next decade and a half, and when a group of Canary Islanders arrived in 1731, the civilian settlement was organized as a villa, San Fernando de Béjar; the only town in Texas to enjoy municipal status during Spanish rule, San Fernando became the capital of Texas in 1773; following the Texas Revolution, San Antonio, as the town was now called, was chartered as the seat of Bexar County; and

WHEREAS, With the advent of the city's 300th anniversary in 2018, the San Antonio Tricentennial Celebration Commission has partnered with hundreds of local organizations to plan a year of festivities that emphasize history and education, community service, and arts and culture, all culminating in a week of commemorative events; and

WHEREAS, For three centuries, the Alamo City has played a central role in the story of the Lone Star State, and it is a pleasure to join its residents in celebrating this notable milestone as they continue to build an even brighter future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commemorate the 300th anniversary of the founding of San Antonio and extend to its citizens sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful tricentennial celebration; and, be it further

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

Menéndez, Campbell
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Member, Texas Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 10, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate