

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 485

WHEREAS, On May 15, 2021, the Caldwell Zoo in Tyler hosted an 11th birthday celebration for two of its most popular residents, African elephants Mac and Emanti; and

WHEREAS, Born at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park in 2010, the pair of half brothers were relocated to the Caldwell Zoo in 2019, when they were eight years old; the zoo began planning years ahead of time for the transfer, greatly expanding its indoor and outdoor enclosures to accommodate two young males that are expected to grow to an adult size of between 10,000 and 13,000 pounds; and

WHEREAS, Since arriving at their new home, Mac and Emanti have effortlessly endeared themselves to the zoo's guests; they share space in their exhibit with a 43-year-old female elephant, Tanya, who showcased her painting skills as part of the birthday festivities; the celebration provided an opportunity not only to turn the spotlight on two of the zoo's most beloved animal ambassadors, but also to share information about elephants and help bring awareness to elephant conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Through their presence at the Caldwell Zoo, Mac and Emanti have provided visitors with the gift of being able to see firsthand some of Earth's largest and most magnificent creatures, and it is fitting to commend their handlers and the zoo's staff as they continue their work to advocate for this vulnerable species; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature hereby commemorate the 11th birthdays of elephants Mac and Emanti of the Caldwell Zoo and extend sincere best wishes to all those who are involved in caring for them; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Caldwell Zoo as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on May 25, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate