

By: Eckhardt

S.R. No. 192

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Audubon Texas Day at the State Capitol on February 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Audubon Texas, the state office of the National Audubon Society, is dedicated to the conservation of birds, wildlife, and their habitats across the Lone Star State and has worked tirelessly to protect and restore vital ecosystems for more than a century; and

WHEREAS, Audubon Texas leads innovative conservation efforts across the state, including managing a coastal island leasing program that safeguards 177 islands along the Texas coast; the organization operates four nature centers located in Dallas, Cedar Hill, San Antonio, and Brownsville and promotes conservation initiatives that benefit grasslands, wetlands, and urban environments; and

WHEREAS, Home to more than 579 bird species, Texas is one of the most ecologically significant states for avian biodiversity, and Audubon Texas' efforts not only protect these species but also bolster the state's economy through ecotourism, birdwatching, and outdoor recreation and generate hundreds of millions of dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, The National Audubon Society is celebrating its 120th anniversary, which marks more than a century of leadership

in bird and habitat conservation across the United States and reaffirms the society's commitment to bipartisan collaboration in crafting policies that support environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Audubon Texas and the National Audubon Society aligns with the principle that sound conservation policies at both the state and federal levels are crucial to ensuring the protection of birds, wildlife, and natural resources for future generations; and

WHEREAS, The work of Audubon Texas exemplifies the interconnectedness of conservation efforts and demonstrates that the protection of local habitats directly contributes to national and global environmental resilience; and

WHEREAS, Audubon Texas Day at the State Capitol serves as an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the organization's invaluable contributions to conservation and its ongoing efforts to ensure a thriving natural environment for both birds and people in Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby recognize February 19, 2025, as Audubon Texas Day at the State Capitol and honor the 120th anniversary of the National Audubon Society; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

S.R. No. 192