

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 629

WHEREAS, A number of elected officials, professional athletes, and other public figures are gathering in Austin to celebrate Texas Bow Tie Day at the State Capitol, and in so doing, they are supporting a worthy cause; and

WHEREAS, This notable occasion highlights the positive impact of bipartisan collaboration while raising funds to help children with special needs; Texas Bow Tie Day is sponsored by Senator Eddie Lucio, Commissioner Michael Williams of the Texas Education Agency, and Commissioner Rolando Pablos of the Public Utility Commission of Texas; and

WHEREAS, The benefit traces its roots to a Wednesday two decades ago, when Senator Lucio was complimented on the bow tie he was wearing by Senator Florence Shapiro; thereafter, Senator Lucio has observed "Bow Tie Wednesday" each week during session, and his fondness for this distinctive accessory has evolved into an annual charitable event; and

WHEREAS, Proceeds from Texas Bow Tie Day 2013 are being donated to Maggie's Hope, which provides financial assistance to families of children with autism and Down syndrome; among the individuals participating in the fund-raising initiative are Representative Eddie Lucio III, Representative Larry Gonzales, retired NFL quarterback Jeff Blake, former Longhorn baseball player and World Series champion Greg Swindell, retired San Antonio Spurs forward Bruce Bowen, and fashion designer Ross Bennett; and

WHEREAS, To commemorate the collaborative theme of the day, a special tie has been designed by the Ross Bennett

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Collection; the purple tie designed for Texas Bow Tie Day symbolically combines the red and blue colors associated with the nation's major political parties to signify bipartisanship; and

WHEREAS, Texas Bow Tie Day celebrates the importance of collaboration and cooperation in service of the greater good, and this worthwhile endeavor is indeed deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby recognize Texas Bow Tie Day at the State Capitol and extend sincere best wishes to all those who are participating for great success with this significant event.

Lucio

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on April 10, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate