

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1038

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pride in recognizing the Tap Pilam-Coahuiltecan Nation for its distinguished history in the Lone Star State and its contributions to our country; and

WHEREAS, The Coahuiltecan tribe was encountered by the Spanish explorers in North America in the late 1600s, when tribe members had seasonal attachments to their campgrounds and relied on their hunting and gathering skills to survive; and

WHEREAS, During the early 1700s, a number of Native American groups were converted to Christianity, and members of the Coahuiltecan tribe and other groups performed important duties at the missions, such as constructing dams and irrigation canals, working in the fields and as cowboys, and helping to build communities; and

WHEREAS, Unlike the traditions of many Native American tribes, the proud rituals and traditions of the Coahuiltecan have endured, and many aspects of the tribe's early life remain the same today; time-honored occasions, such as Indian Decoration Day, are still celebrated, and ceremonial music and dress are still in use; and

WHEREAS, The Coahuiltecan have played an important role in Texas history, and they have enriched our culture by preserving and sharing their heritage and customs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 77th Legislature, hereby commend the Tap Pilam-Coahuiltecan for their exemplary preservation of their heritage and their many contributions to the culture of our state and nation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Tap Pilam-Coahuiltecan Nation as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Zaffirini



Bill Ratliff
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 11, 2001.

Atty King
Secretary of the Senate

Judith Zaffirini
Member, Texas Senate