



The Senate of The State of Texas

SENATE PROCLAMATION NO. 702

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Texas Reading Club on the auspicious occasion of its 50th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in cooperation with local Texas libraries, the Texas Reading Club was begun in 1958; that first year, several thousand schoolchildren participated at bookmobiles and small community libraries in Central and East Texas and the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, Research shows that children who read during the summer maintain their reading skills and require less remediation in the fall semester; the goal of this exemplary program is to encourage young people to read for pleasure and to become lifelong readers; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 500,000 young people annually participate in the Texas Reading Club; every year, a new theme is chosen for this program, and Texas Reading Club Jubilee: 1958-2008! was selected as this year's theme; and

WHEREAS, The Texas State Library and Archives Commission will celebrate this occasion on June 10, 2008, with children and their parents visiting from around the state; a ceremony will be held in the Senate Chamber in the Texas State Capitol; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, That the Senate of the State of Texas hereby commend the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the Texas Reading Club for their outstanding work in helping young people discover the joys of reading and extend best wishes for a memorable 50th Anniversary celebration; and, be it further

PROCLAIMED, That a copy of this Proclamation be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

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Judith Zaffirini

Member, Texas Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Proclamation was adopted. _____

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Secretary of the Senate