



# The Senate of The State of Texas

## SENATE PROCLAMATION NO. 332

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Network of Texas Industrial Areas Foundation Organizations on the occasion of its 40th anniversary, which is celebrating more than 40 years of service in Texas on April 30, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, The Network of Texas IAF Organizations traces its roots to the 1974 founding of Communities Organized for Public Service in San Antonio; the Industrial Areas Foundation is the oldest and largest organizing and leadership development network in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, The Network of Texas IAF Organizations is a nonprofit assembly of institutionally based community organizations whose purpose is to train leaders to organize families around issues which affect their quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, The network has created workforce and job training programs and has created new cultures of relationship and collective action; it seeks to build bridges across long-standing divisions that isolate communities from each other, and it works with legislators, other elected officials, and institutions to fight for the common good; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas IAF Network includes COPS/Metro in San Antonio, TMO/GCLC in Houston, Valley Interfaith in the Rio Grande Valley, EPISO and Border Interfaith in El Paso, Austin Interfaith, ACT in Fort Worth, Dallas Area Interfaith, the West Texas Organizing Strategy, and the Border Organization in Del Rio and Eagle Pass; and

**WHEREAS**, For more than 40 years, the network's organizing efforts have had a profound impact on the lives of countless families, and it is truly fitting that its exceptional achievements receive special recognition; now, therefore, be it

**PROCLAIMED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas hereby commend the Network of Texas Industrial Areas Foundation Organizations on its commitment to helping families, developing leadership, and promoting conversation on the issues facing our state and extend to its members best wishes for a memorable anniversary celebration; and, be it further

**PROCLAIMED**, That a copy of this Proclamation be prepared for this organization as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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J. J. Ariz  
Member, Texas Senate

I hereby certify that the above Proclamation was adopted.

Patsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate