

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1976

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The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. by the presiding officer, Mayor Lila Cockrell, with the following members present: COCKRELL, PYNDUS, HARTMAN, CISNEROS, BILLA, BLACK; Absent: NIELSEN, ROHDE, TENIENTE.

76-44 Mayor Cockrell welcomed a group of distinguished visitors from the City of Las Palmas, Canary Islands. She recalled her visit to Las Palmas in February, 1976, and the friendly reception given her. Those present were introduced and included:

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Olarte
Presidente del Cabildo de Las Palmas

Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Ortiz
Alcalde de Las Palmas (Mayor of Las Palmas)

Mr. Jose Luis Gonzalez
Delegado de Informacion y Turismo
(Information and Tourist Bureau Delegate)

Mr. and Mrs. Agustin Arroyo
Consejal (Councilman)

Mr. Jose Antonio Garcia
Consejero (Provincial Representative)

Hector Cabrera
Consejero (Provincial Representative)

Antonio Cruz

Armando Curbelo

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Mayor Cockrell then read the following Resolution after which it was presented to Don Fernando Ortiz, Alcalde de Las Palmas:

A RESOLUTION
No. 76-44-74

WHEREAS, on March 9, 1731, an intrepid band of fifty-six Canary Islanders arrived in San Antonio completing a long and hazardous journey, and

WHEREAS, they had come to found the first municipal government in Texas at the invitation of His Catholic Majesty, Phillip V of Spain, and financed by Don Alvaro de Zuniga, Duke of Bejar, and

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WHEREAS, in order to preserve the memory of the Canary Islanders who left our City a proud heritage, we have joined with the City of Las Palmas in a Sister City relationship to continue that common bond between us, and

WHEREAS, in support of the Sister City concept, the Mayor of San Antonio paid an official visit to the City of Las Palmas in March, 1976, where she was received with an outpouring of friendship and love, and

WHEREAS, officials of the City of Las Palmas will pay a return visit to the City of San Antonio on September 17 through 20, 1976, and it is with much anticipation that we look forward to this visit, NOW, THEREFORE;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

On behalf of all of the citizens of the City of San Antonio, we extend greetings and a hearty welcome to our friends from Las Palmas, Canary Islands with the expressed wish that they enjoy real, western hospitality and a warm feeling of friendship.

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Don Fernando Ortiz responded to Mayor Cockrell's remarks. He expressed a great desire to develop further the friendship between the Sister Cities - Las Palmas and San Antonio. He said that it was an honor that a Plaza in HemisFair Plaza would be named in honor of the Canary Islanders.

Mr. Barrera, President of the Texas Hispanic Institute and Miss Adela Navarro also greeted the visitors.

Don Lorenzo Olarte, President del Cabildo de Las Palmas also thanked Mayor Cockrell and the Council for its warm reception.

76-44 The meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

A P P R O V E D

Lila Cockrell
M A Y O R

ATTEST:

G. V. Jackson Jr.
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