

## Texas Representative Roberto R. Alonzo's



## Capitol Report

**Valentine's Day 2016**

Every year on the 14th of February many people exchange candy, flowers, and gifts to their dear loved ones. Valentine's day is also known as Saint Valentine's day or Feast of Saint Valentine and is celebrated worldwide. This day is a time to share love and affection and embrace the beauty of human relationships with all who make your life special -- family members, siblings, friends, teachers, parents and romantic interests.

Love comes in many forms, shapes, and opportunities 365 days a year, 24/7. Join in the celebration of love and bring your heart to everything you do. Make this Valentine's Day an opportunity to unleash your heart, and make it a little bigger. If you are in an elevator with strangers, smile at them. If you have an extra chocolate in your handbag, pass it on. If you go to the supermarket, bring the cashier a rose. Bring the sweetness and tenderness of your heart to a more present place this Valentine's day.

**" Valentine's Day isn't just about cards, flowers and romantic dinners. At its core, it's about celebrating love -- for others *and* yourself. And to me, love is worth celebrating every day of the year,"** stated Rep. Alonzo. Every day is like Valentine's day for Rep. Alonzo, who makes a point to send his sweetheart and loving wife, Sylvana Alonzo, flowers each week.

So whatever your plans may be for Valentine's Day this year, remember to celebrate your deepest love -- the life and breathe in you and yours. Cherish that fundamental gift, above all else.

**February is Black History Month.**

Black History Month, observed annually in several countries, commemorates important events and people in the history of those who have settled far from their ancestral homeland of Africa. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Frederick Douglass and Marian Anderson head the list of historically important African Americans whose lives and accomplishments are being recounted as America celebrates Black History Month 2016.

**"Black history is American history. And Black progress is American progress. It is not only important but absolutely essential that we celebrate Black History Month and recognize the many extraordinary accomplishments and sacrifices that African-Americans have made for our nation,"** stated Rep. Roberto Alonzo.

For forty years, America has observed Black History Month as a time to reflect on the revolutionary work black people have contributed to this country's history. What first began in 1926 as Negro History Week, has evolved into a month-long celebration of black progress and pride.

**House Resolution No. 249 Recognizes Chicano History Week: Feb 2-8, 2016**

State Rep. Roberto Alonzo sponsored H.R. No. 249, passed by the Texas House of Representatives of the 84th Texas Legislature, recognizes the week of Feb. 2-8, 2016 as Chicano History Week. This specific week coincides with the 1848 signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe by Mexico and the United States.

**"This resolution represents a sort of birth right as Mexican Americans. It deserves to be celebrated throughout the state and the nation,"** stated Rep. Alonzo