

Texas Representative Roberto R. Alonzo's

Capitol Report



Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with the Oak Cliff Community

Cinco de Mayo provides an opportunity for everyone to unite in celebrating the cultural resilience and vibrant heritage of the Mexican people. It is important to reflect on the true importance of the holiday. Remember that although resistance to the French seemed unfathomable during the Battle of Puebla, Mexican soldiers resisted and they drove back the French in triumph. It was this great battle that was the precursor to the celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

Celebrate the unlikely victory by engaging in community fellowship and support local causes at Dallas's historic Cinco de Mayo parade, festival, and car show. For at least 29 years now, the festivities have been held on historic Jefferson Blvd. This event is organized and produced by the Oak Cliff Coalition for the Arts whose purpose is to promote the arts and education in the Dallas community.

Bring the family and all your friends to this exciting event. There will be a big parade, street fest, car show, live bands, vendors, performances, DJs on every block, tailgating and much more for the entire family. • Parade kicks off at 10 a.m. at the Oak Cliff Cultural Center, 223 W. Jefferson Blvd. and proceeds west on Jefferson to 600 S. Polk St. (Ice House Cultural Center) • Beer Garden in the 500 block of Jefferson • Festival Main Stage at Ice House Cultural Center, 600 W. Jefferson Blvd., with performances, bands and presentations from 10 a.m. to 4 pm • Car Show along the 700 block of West Jefferson from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Cinco de Mayo has become a day of national pride for Mexicans, especially those living in the United States. It is a celebration of our roots in Mexico, as well as our lives here in the United States. It is an important message to remember in a community like Oak Cliff and to never allow the cultural significance to get lost," stated Rep. Roberto Alonzo.



Mother's Day 2016

Regardless of where you live, we all have mothers. And in honor of moms everywhere, a special day is dedicated just to her. Mother's Day is celebrated throughout the world in different ways and on different days. In the US and Canada, Mother's Day falls on the second Sunday of May.

A mother does so much for her children, and the least one can do is acknowledge her hard work and selfless love for you. Some of us will have the opportunity to spend time with our mother's this Sunday, while other's will send flowers, and call or text greetings and well wishes. There are also those who can only connect with their beloved mother's through memory and reflection.

Whatever the case may be, please remember to take this holiday as an opportunity to celebrate all women who have loved or cared for you like a mother. This may include your grandmother, mother-in-law, aunts, sisters, colleagues, teachers and other mother figures in your life. Take the time to honor and cherish the special bond of love that you share with these people.



Rep. Alonzo visits the White House during his trip to our nation's capitol, Washington DC, for the NHCSL Executive Committee meeting.