

(S.B. 507)
(Conference)

(No. 163)

(Approved December 26, 2005)

AN ACT

To grant an annual appropriation of seventy-five thousand (75,000) dollars, beginning in fiscal year 2006-2007, to the Consejo Juanadino Pro-Festejos de Reyes, Inc., to defray the expenses for holding the traditional Three Kings Feast Day in Juana Díaz and guarantee that it be held for future generations; to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to honor said petition; and to assign the funds needed to pay for this appropriation.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

The Consejo Juanadino Pro-Festejos de Reyes, Inc., is a non-profit juridical entity organized pursuant to the laws of Puerto Rico. It has been recognized as a non-profit entity since 1978. The Consejo (Council) is responsible for celebrating year after year the traditional and well known Three Kings Feast Day, which has been held continuously for 121 years in the Municipality of Juana Díaz. The first Three Kings Feast Day was held in 1884. Ever since then the Three Kings have been ambassadors of joy and solemnity. The achievements of said organization are very well known, both at the local and at the international levels.

The aforementioned organization incurs expenses of over fifty thousand (50,000) dollars per year and thus every year it becomes more

difficult for it to continue holding this cultural activity and bringing so much joy to the children in Puerto Rico.

The Legislature of Puerto Rico believes it meritorious to grant a recurrent annual appropriation of seventy-five thousand (75,000) dollars to the Consejo Juanadino Pro-Festejos de Reyes, Inc., which will guarantee the presence of the Epiphany in Juana Díaz for future generations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.-An annual appropriation of seventy-five thousand (75,000) dollars is hereby granted to the Consejo Juanadino Pro-Festejos de Reyes, Inc., to defray the expenses for holding the traditional Three Kings Feast Day in Juana Díaz and guarantee that it be held for future generations.

Section 2.-The Consejo Juanadino Pro-Festejos de Reyes, Inc., shall render annual reports to the Agency custodian of said funds. Those reports shall set forth a detailed breakdown indicating how the funds appropriated in this Act have been used.

Section 3.-The Institute of Puerto Rican Culture shall be the Agency custodian of the funds herein appropriated to the Consejo Juanadino Pro-Festejos de Reyes, Inc.

Section 4.-In order to comply with the purposes of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury of Puerto Rico is hereby authorized and directed to annually set apart and preferably provide, from any unencumbered funds in the Commonwealth Treasury, the funds needed to fulfill the appropriation referred to in Section 1 of this Act. Said funds shall be consigned in the Annual Expenses Budget of the Government of Puerto Rico.

Section 5.-This Act shall become effective after July 1, 2005.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following Act No. 163 (S.B. 507) (Conference) of the 2nd Session of the 15th Legislature of Puerto Rico:

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has been translated from Spanish to English and that the English version is correct.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, today 1st of March of 2006.

Francisco J. Domenech
Director