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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Members of Bexar County SD19 Tejano Democrats and

2 Bexar United Tejano Democrats SD26 are gathering in Austin on

3 April 6, 2023, for Tejano Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Tejanos, Texans of Spanish, Mexican, African, and

5 indigenous descent, have played a fundamental role in the history

6 of the Lone Star State; the observance of Tejano Day on April 6 pays

7 tribute to that date in 1813 when Tejanos became the first residents

8 to declare for an independent Texas; at the Battle of Medina that

9 same year, many gave their lives in a bloody engagement with a

10 Spanish royalist army that remains the deadliest clash in the

11 history of Texas; countless others went on to risk their lives and

12 livelihood during the Texas Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Tejano men and women have long been champions of

social and political progress; devoted to the ideals of liberty and

15 equality, numerous Tejanos were early and powerful advocates for

16 free speech, freedom of the press, and public education in Texas;

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18 WHEREAS, Continuing this tradition of civic and political

19 engagement, Tejano Democrats work to ensure representation of

20 Hispanics at all levels and in all activities of the Democratic

21 Party; these dedicated individuals help screen, select, and endorse

22 candidates, take public stands on issues, and propose, support,

23 and, when necessary, oppose legislation affecting the Hispanic

24 community; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, Committed to fostering a more inclusive and
- 2 effective Texas Democratic Party, Tejano Democrats are making a
- 3 lasting, positive impact in their communities, and they may take
- 4 justifiable pride in their outstanding record of achievement; now,
- 5 therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
- 7 Legislature hereby honor Bexar County SD19 Tejano Democrats and
- 8 Bexar United Tejano Democrats SD26 on the occasion of Tejano Day at
- 9 the State Capitol and pay tribute to the important contributions
- 10 that Tejanos have made to our state over the last three centuries;
- 11 and, be it further
- 12 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
- 13 for Bexar County SD19 Tejano Democrats and Bexar United Tejano
- 14 Democrats SD26 as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
- 15 Representatives.