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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Students from Starr County earned great distinction 2 with their performances at the 2021 Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza;

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WHEREAS, Held in San Antonio, Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza is

5 an annual festival and competition named for Mariachi Vargas de

6 Tecalitlán, whose members act as judges; each year, students in

7 mariachi groups from across the country rehearse a seven-minute

8 performance featuring two songs and participate in semifinal

9 competitions; the finalists then vie for the opportunity to call

10 themselves national champions; and

WHEREAS, During the 2021 contest, four of the six high school

finalists were from Starr County schools, including the Mariachi

13 Nuevo Santander junior varsity and varsity groups of Roma High

14 School, Mariachi Cascabel of Rio Grande City High School, and

15 Mariachi Grulla de Plata of Grulla High School; Mariachi Cascabel

16 took home the first-place trophy while Mariachi Grulla de Plata

17 placed second and Mariachi Nuevo Santander placed third; and

18 WHEREAS, These exceptional groups benefited from the able

19 leadership of their directors, Marcos Zárate, lead director of

20 Mariachi Cascabel, Alfonso Rodriguez, director of Mariachi Grulla

21 de Plata, and Eloy Garza, director of Mariachi Nuevo Santander; and

WHEREAS, With their success at the 2021 Mariachi Vargas

23 Extravaganza, these outstanding young Texans have brought great

24 credit to their schools and communities, and they may take

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- 1 justifiable pride in their accomplishments; now, therefore, be it
- 2 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
- 3 hereby commend all Starr County students who participated at the
- 4 2021 Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza competition and extend to them
- 5 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 7 prepared for Mariachi Cascabel, Mariachi Grulla de Plata, and
- 8 Mariachi Nuevo Santander as an expression of high regard by the
- 9 Texas Senate.