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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Retired Texas Parks and Wildlife Department staff
2 artist Clemente Guzman III continues to distinguish himself through
3 his outstanding depictions of our great state; and

4 WHEREAS, Raised in a family of nine children, Clemente Guzman
5 grew up in San Antonio and Minnesota, where his family worked as
6 migrant farm workers; his father instilled in him a profound
7 appreciation for nature, and he was also inspired by the wildlife
8 art he saw in local galleries; after earning a diploma in commercial
9 art at Mankato Technical Institute, he returned to San Antonio and
10 took a job in day care while beginning his career as a freelance
11 artist, mostly for ad agencies; one client was so impressed by his
12 vivid likenesses of wildlife that she arranged an interview with
13 TPWD; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Guzman joined TPWD in 1988, and he spent nearly
15 three decades creating beautiful art and graphics for a wide
16 variety of purposes, from game stamps, posters, and conservation
17 license plates to bird guides, brochures, and of course, Texas
18 Parks and Wildlife magazine; along the way, he also fit in some
19 freelance projects, and he has continued to produce exceptional
20 work since his retirement in 2017; he provided the cover
21 illustration for *Viva Texas Rivers! Adventures, Misadventures, and*
22 *Glimpses of Nirvana along Our Storied Waterways*, published by Texas
23 A&M University Press; in addition, he was featured in the related
24 group exhibition at the Wittliff Collections at Texas State

1 University, and he was the poster artist for the 2021 Texas Book
2 Festival; TPWD commissioned from him paintings of three state parks
3 for a book celebrating the agency's centennial, *Art of Texas Parks*,
4 and an exhibition that will travel to the Houston Museum of Natural
5 Science and the Bullock Museum in 2023; and

6 WHEREAS, Through his tremendous talent, Clemente Guzman has
7 won the admiration of countless people and heightened their
8 appreciation for the wildlife and natural beauty of the Lone Star
9 State; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
11 hereby honor Texas Centennial Artist Clemente Guzman III for his
12 artistic achievements and contributions to the Texas Parks and
13 Wildlife Department and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
14 future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Mr. Guzman as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 Senate.