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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of The Kingsmen Social Club of Kingsville
2 have long contributed to society through their personal
3 accomplishments and public service; and

4 WHEREAS, The Kingsmen were organized in 1960 by Alex
5 Alexander, who envisioned a club that would help to compensate for
6 the lack of jobs and activities geared toward young people in the
7 surrounding rural area; with Mr. Alexander's steadfast support, a
8 number of male students at H. M. King High School formed an
9 organization that greatly benefited both its members and the city
10 of Kingsville; and

11 WHEREAS, Participants in The Kingsmen Social Club included
12 Jimmy Martinez, Ben Figueroa, Gilbert Alvarez, George Truan, Mike
13 Alvarez, Joel Zapata, Joe Vera, Robert Carrillo, Facundo Vasquez,
14 Alfonso Ramos, Rudy Ramos, Luis Garcia, Larry Garza, Robert Rios,
15 Tony Torres, Israel Martinez, and Corando Trevino; in addition to
16 Mr. Alexander, sponsors were H. H. Garza and Rudy Soliz, all
17 exemplary gentlemen who offered encouragement and guidance; and

18 WHEREAS, The Kingsmen worked after school and during summers,
19 completed projects of benefit to their community, and provided
20 assistance to those in need; during the club's existence from 1960
21 to 1964, sponsors and members coordinated dances for local
22 teenagers that featured bands such as Sunny Ozuna and the SunGlow,
23 Rudy and Reno Bops, the Johnny Canales Orchestra, the Con-Tiki
24 Trio, the Oscar Martinez Orchestra, the Beto Cavazos Orchestra, the

1 Dinos, and Carlos Guzman; and

2 WHEREAS, The legacy of The Kingsmen Social Club continues to
3 positively influence Texans, for club members have gone on to
4 achieve success in a range of endeavors, earning college and
5 graduate degrees, serving their country in the Vietnam War, raising
6 families, establishing successful careers, and taking on the role
7 of mentor to succeeding generations; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, recognize all those affiliated
10 with The Kingsmen Social Club for their exceptional contributions
11 to their communities.