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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The El Dorado Club of Kingsville has been serving
2 its community for nearly 50 years, providing social activities for
3 area residents and offering scholarships to college-bound
4 students; and

5 WHEREAS, Established in 1957, when segregation was still in
6 effect, the El Dorado Club served as a venue for an array of social
7 activities not readily available to Hispanic students attending
8 Texas A&I College; and

9 WHEREAS, Founding members Leonardo Leal, Ben Martinez, Oscar
10 Cabra, Jr., Willie Garza, Manuel Rosales, Ricardo Castillo, Juan
11 Rocha, Jr., and Sonny Mascorro overcame numerous obstacles to
12 establish the club and organize the first annual gala for
13 graduating high school seniors, an eagerly anticipated event that
14 continues to this day; and

15 WHEREAS, In its first year, the club grew to include members
16 Arnoldo Adame, Leon Avelar, Salvador Ochoa, Jose Enrique Mendieta,
17 Ray Rosas, Martin Garcia, Juan Garza, Angel Herrera, Milo Garcia,
18 Tanis Guerra, Gilbert Graves, Humberto Garcia, Eliseo Lozano, O. J.
19 Rodriguez, Felix Rodriguez, Juvenal Rocha, Armando Soto, Carlos
20 Truan, Armando Salazar, Xavier Valdez, Rosendo Garcia, Hector
21 Herrera, Roy Torres, Nick Valdez, Raul Rosales, John Bradley, Lauro
22 Lopez, Ramon Ruiz, Manuel Narvaez, Israel Guajardo, and Arturo
23 Gallegos; and

24 WHEREAS, Club members met in 1969 to plan the club's first

1 Debutante Ball; each year during the Christmas season, young ladies
2 who are pursuing higher education are introduced to the community
3 and presented with the El Dorado Scholarship; through the years,
4 the El Dorado Club has assisted more than 500 young women by
5 providing them with scholarships to the college of their choice;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The El Dorado Club continues to have a significant
8 impact on the Kingsville community through both its scholarship
9 offerings and its volunteer activities, and the many individuals
10 who are associated with this venerable organization are indeed
11 deserving of high praise for their exemplary contributions to their
12 fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
14 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the past and
15 present members of the El Dorado Club of Kingsville and extend best
16 wishes to these noteworthy individuals for continued success in all
17 their endeavors; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the club's members as an expression of high regard by
20 the Texas House of Representatives.