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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ruben Ramos, El Gato Negro, has made many  
2 outstanding contributions to Tejano music and to his East Austin  
3 community, and he is most deserving of special recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Ramos sits at the helm of a family legacy that  
5 started more than 80 years ago in post-World War I Texas; and

6 WHEREAS, He was 16 when he began playing percussion and  
7 singing in his brother Alfonso's band, the Tejano Orquesta;  
8 entertaining audiences throughout the 1960s, the band employed a  
9 rich blend of traditional conjunto, cumbias, and rancheras  
10 supplemented with brass, electric guitar, and piano; and

11 WHEREAS, A pioneer in the Tejano music movement, Mr. Ramos  
12 created his own band in 1971, calling it the Mexican Revolution and  
13 later, at the height of the Chicano Movement, changing the name to  
14 Texas Revolution; he and fellow band members have earned many  
15 well-deserved accolades, including honors at the 1987 Tejano Music  
16 Awards and induction into the prestigious Pura Vida Hall of Fame and  
17 the Tejano Music Awards Hall of Fame; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1998, Mr. Ramos teamed up with other musical  
19 greats David Hidalgo and Cesar Rosas of Los Lobos, rocker Joe Ely,  
20 country legend Freddy Fender, accordion master Flaco Jimenez, and  
21 country crooner Rick Treviño to form Los Super Seven; their  
22 self-titled album earned a Grammy Award for the Best Mexican  
23 American Performance at the 1999 Grammy Awards ceremony; and

24 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Mr. Ramos has earned a

1 reputation for being one of the best singers and bandleaders in the  
2 history of the genre, and despite a busy calendar full of headline  
3 dates, he and the Texas Revolution have reserved a place in their  
4 schedule to entertain their East Austin community at the A. B. Cantu  
5 Pan-Am Hillside Stage; now, therefore, be it

6         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
7 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Ruben Ramos for his  
8 achievements in music and his community involvement and extend to  
9 him best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for Mr. Ramos as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
12 House of Representatives.