

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Linda Escobar on the special occasion of her induction into the Tejano Roots Hall of Fame Class of 2003 on August 16, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Linda was born in Alice, Texas, to Eligio and Jesusita Escobar, a truck driver and a housewife; during her early years, Linda weathered a number of family misfortunes before later achieving a highly successful career and fame as a world-renowned Tejano musician; and

WHEREAS, When Linda was 10 months old, she was stricken with polio virus and had to wear a brace for four years; when she was three years old, her father was in a tragic accident that left him bedridden for a year and then disabled for life; her mother went to work in a laundry for the family's survival; and

WHEREAS, Linda's father was encouraged by family and friends to start singing for a living; at home, while listening to her father practice singing and playing the guitar, Linda developed her love of music; her father later began recording, and she would memorize his songs while hearing them on the radio; and

WHEREAS, When she was six years old, Linda accompanied her father as he was performing at La Villita Dance Hall in Alice and persuaded him to let her sing; her first song in public was "La Bola Negra," which led to an invitation to perform on KROB radio station in Robstown and, later, to her first recording under the Ideal record label; and

WHEREAS, She teamed up with her father, who was touring the state in a group called Los Guadalupanos de Joey Lopez; at the age of eight, Linda recorded her first hit song, "Los Frijolitos Pintos," and began touring with widely acclaimed Tejano artists; and

WHEREAS, She continued recording and performing throughout her childhood while managing to graduate from high school; she also married and raised two daughters and a son; she formed her own band, Zamen, and recorded commercial jingles for several national companies; she returned to conjunto music and recorded "Los Hermanos Cadena"; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Linda worked with many well-known artists and recorded under such labels as Supremo, Hacienda, and DINA; after the death of her father, she made a commitment to continue her career so that his music would live on through her; and

WHEREAS, Linda Escobar came from humble beginnings and managed to overcome difficult circumstances and become a popular

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Tejano recording and award-winning artist, and she deserves recognition for her exceptional accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Linda Escobar for her outstanding achievements in the music industry and her contributions to Tejano music and extend to her congratulations on her induction into the Tejano Roots Hall of Fame; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Hinojosa

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 3, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate