

Amend SCR 55 by striking the text of the resolution and substituting the following:

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Mexic-Arte Museum for its role in the cultural enrichment and education of all Texans through its presentation and promotion of Mexican and Mexican American art and culture; and

WHEREAS, One of the oldest institutions presenting Mexican and Mexican American art in the State of Texas, the museum is a pioneer in presenting cultural programs that are deeply rooted in Texas; it has exemplified the diversity within our state, and it has created important ties with our neighboring country, Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Located on Congress Avenue in the capital city of Austin, Mexic-Arte Museum has for more than 19 years promoted the artistic heritage of the Mexican and Mexican American cultures; and

WHEREAS, The museum was established by the support of businesses, individuals, foundations, the City of Austin, the Texas Commission on the Arts, the Mid-America Arts Alliance, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Consulate General of Mexico in Austin, and the Mexican government through the National Council on Arts and Culture; and

WHEREAS, Mexic-Arte Museum serves as an artistic and cultural bridge between Mexico and Texas through its exchange programs and by serving as the official Sister Museum of the Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo Studio Museum in Mexico City; moreover, by agreement with the Mexican government, the museum will host exhibitions of great art loaned from Mexican museums for extended periods; and

WHEREAS, This important resource for cultural enrichment is vital to the economic development and tourism of the state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas, recognizing the uniqueness and significant cultural role of Mexic-Arte Museum, hereby designate it as the "Official Mexican and Mexican American Fine Art Museum of Texas"; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for the members of the board of directors of Mexic-Arte Museum.