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1                                 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

20                WHEREAS, Mexic-Arte Museum serves as an artistic and cultural  
21 bridge between Mexico and Texas through its exchange programs and  
22 by serving as the official Sister Museum of the Diego Rivera and  
23 Frida Kahlo Studio Museum in Mexico City; moreover, by agreement  
24 with the Mexican government, the museum will host exhibitions of

1 great art loaned from Mexican museums for extended periods; and

2 WHEREAS, This important resource for cultural enrichment is  
3 vital to the economic development and tourism of the state; and

4 WHEREAS, The museum is now in need of a new facility that will  
5 better serve its mission to share with all the people in the State  
6 of Texas the treasures of Mexican and Mexican American art and  
7 culture; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
9 recognizing the uniqueness and significant cultural role of  
10 Mexic-Arte Museum, hereby designate it as the "Official Mexican and  
11 Mexican American Art Museum of Texas" and declare that it also be  
12 known as the "Texas State Mexican and Mexican American Art Museum";  
13 and, be it further

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