

1-1 By: Barrientos, Lucio S.C.R. No. 55
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed May 14, 2003; May 15, 2003, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on International Relations and
1-4 Trade; May 19, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 19, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to
1-8 recognize Mexic-Arte Museum for its role in the cultural enrichment
1-9 and education of all Texans through its presentation and promotion
1-10 of Mexican and Mexican American art and culture; and

1-11 WHEREAS, One of the oldest institutions presenting Mexican
1-12 and Mexican American art in the State of Texas, the museum is a
1-13 pioneer in presenting cultural programs that are deeply rooted in
1-14 Texas; it has exemplified the diversity within our state, and it has
1-15 created important ties with our neighboring country, Mexico; and

1-16 WHEREAS, Located on Congress Avenue in the capital city of
1-17 Austin, Mexic-Arte Museum has for more than 19 years promoted the
1-18 artistic heritage of the Mexican and Mexican American cultures; and

1-19 WHEREAS, The museum was established by the support of
1-20 businesses, individuals, foundations, the City of Austin, the Texas
1-21 Commission on the Arts, the Mid-America Arts Alliance, the National
1-22 Endowment for the Arts, the Consulate General of Mexico in Austin,
1-23 and the Mexican government through the National Council on Arts and
1-24 Culture; and

1-25 WHEREAS, Mexic-Arte Museum serves as an artistic and cultural
1-26 bridge between Mexico and Texas through its exchange programs and
1-27 by serving as the official Sister Museum of the Diego Rivera and
1-28 Frida Kahlo Studio Museum in Mexico City; moreover, by agreement
1-29 with the Mexican government, the museum will host exhibitions of
1-30 great art loaned from Mexican museums for extended periods; and

1-31 WHEREAS, This important resource for cultural enrichment is
1-32 vital to the economic development and tourism of the state; and

1-33 WHEREAS, The museum is now in need of a new facility that will
1-34 better serve its mission to share with all the people in the State
1-35 of Texas the treasures of Mexican and Mexican American art and
1-36 culture; now, therefore, be it

1-37 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
1-38 recognizing the uniqueness and significant cultural role of
1-39 Mexic-Arte Museum, hereby designate it as the "Official Mexican and
1-40 Mexican American Art Museum of Texas" and declare that it also be
1-41 known as the "Texas State Mexican and Mexican American Art Museum";
1-42 and, be it further

1-43 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for the
1-44 members of the board of directors of Mexic-Arte Museum.

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