

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Christian Diaz and his associates have established
2 the Buffalo Gap Fine Arts Center for Education near Abilene, and
3 supporters of this exciting new project gathered at the site on
4 March 31, 2006, for an open house; and

5 WHEREAS, Nestled among the beautiful 200-year-old oak and
6 pecan trees of the Texas hills south of Abilene known as the Buffalo
7 Gap, the center will not only house well-known artists and
8 craftsmen but also consist of unique shops and an entertainment
9 home, as well as provide a variety of educational opportunities for
10 aspiring artists in the fields of painting, sculpture, photography,
11 pottery, music, and literature; located at the Plaza of Buffalo
12 Gap, adjacent to a community school, the arts center will also allow
13 young people to experience and enjoy daily lectures in art; and

14 WHEREAS, The entire plan was envisioned by Mr. Diaz, a
15 distinguished artist, while he was a student at Abilene Christian
16 University and active in promoting the arts in Abilene and West
17 Texas; he is joined in this endeavor by many friends, notably Nancy
18 and Dusty Rhodes, his mentors for many years, as well as another
19 longtime friend, businessman Jim Shewmaker, who is serving as
20 onsite project manager; and

21 WHEREAS, The entire community of Buffalo Gap and the civic
22 leaders of Abilene and surrounding cities have encouraged and
23 applauded the creation of this new fine arts center, and many young
24 artists, area residents, and others will greatly benefit from the

1 vision and efforts of Mr. Diaz and his colleagues; now, therefore,
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Christian Diaz and
5 his associates on the founding of the Buffalo Gap Fine Arts Center
6 for Education and extend to all those associated with this venture
7 best wishes for success; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Diaz and his associates as an expression of high
10 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 398

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 398 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House