

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to the stellar career of Antonio Aguilar on the grand occasion of his farewell tour; and

WHEREAS, The farewell tour marks the final appearances of the actor and singer, Antonio Aguilar, and his wife, the beautiful actress and singer, Flor Silvestre; and

WHEREAS, Antonio Aguilar was born in Mexico in Villanueva, Zacatecas, and grew up nearby in the small town of Tayahua; after studying and working on a ranch in the United States, he returned to Mexico and began a singing career; his first big break came in 1950 with airplay on the famous radio station, XEW; he has recorded 163 albums and sold more than 28 million records during his 50-year career; and

WHEREAS, He made numerous film appearances in light comedies of the early 1950s, such as *Mi Papá Tuvo la Culpa*; he acted in Westerns, starting with the popular *Mauricio Rosales, El Rayo* series; he has been one of the most important figures in the Mexican entertainment industry for over 40 years; he is a living legend, and he tours with an elaborate musical with a western theme that includes numerous performers and an abundance of horses; and

WHEREAS, He has written and produced many of his own films, often alternating tales of the Mexican Revolution with comedy *rancheras*; in 1970, *Emiliano Zapata* was the most expensive Mexican film ever produced, and Mr. Aguilar has the distinction of having portrayed both Emiliano Zapata and Pancho Villa, as well as other historical and legendary figures; and

WHEREAS, He has been married to his frequent costar, Flor Silvestre, since the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Antonio Aguilar, known as El Charro de Mexico, has been favorably compared with Hollywood's top Western stars; he is credited with introducing the sport of *la charrería*, to international audiences; he is certainly worthy of legislative recognition for his contributions to Mexican cinema, music, and culture; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Antonio Aguilar on the occasion of his farewell tour and extend best wishes to him for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Gallegos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 1, 2006.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate