

By: Flores

H.C.R. No. 94

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Tejanos past and present have enriched the cultural
2 heritage of the State of Texas and contribute significantly to its
3 strength; and

4 WHEREAS, The Capitol grounds display statues, memorials, and
5 commemorations of people, ideals, and events that compose Texan
6 identity; these displays document the struggles and the successes
7 that Texans have experienced in the past and serve to inspire us as
8 we face the challenges of today; and

9 WHEREAS, A statue, monument, or exhibit on the Texas Capitol
10 grounds paying tribute to Tejanos would permanently acknowledge the
11 influences and achievements of the prominent and diverse community
12 it portrays; and

13 WHEREAS, Chapter 443 of the Government Code authorizes the
14 State Preservation Board to preserve, maintain, and restore the
15 Capitol grounds, which include the Capitol, the General Land Office
16 Building, their contents, their grounds, and monuments and exhibits
17 on the grounds; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2001, the 77th Texas Legislature passed House
19 Concurrent Resolution 38 approving the construction of a privately
20 funded statue or monument on the Capitol grounds, subject to the
21 rules of the State Preservation Board, and providing that the
22 Tejano Statue-Capitol, Inc., assist the State Preservation Board in
23 the planning and completion of the statue or monument; and

24 WHEREAS, Public funding should be allowed to supplement

1 private donations in order to complete this worthy project; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
4 hereby approve the use of public funding from general
5 appropriations to complete the construction of the statue,
6 monument, or exhibit on the Texas Capitol grounds to pay tribute to
7 past and present Tejanos who have enriched the cultural heritage of
8 the Lone Star State.