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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Sebastian Zarate of Laredo is making incomparable  
2 contributions to the breeding of Azteca horses in the Rio Grande  
3 Valley, and his efforts and achievements are most worthy of special  
4 recognition; and

5           WHEREAS, As a horse expert for the Mid-Valley Stables in  
6 Mercedes, Mr. Zarate focuses on the proper selection of the Azteca,  
7 a crossbred horse with Andalusian and Quarter Horse bloodlines that  
8 is noteworthy for its strong bone density, ability to maintain in  
9 the air, and iron-like hooves; he is the only person authorized by  
10 the International Association of Mexican Azteca Horse Breeders to  
11 approve, value, and register Azteca horses in the United States;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, This esteemed trainer and breeder has taken his team  
14 to perform at the Houston Livestock Show and to participate in the  
15 Rose Bowl Parade, and he is scheduled to perform three shows at the  
16 16th Annual Rio Grande Valley Onion Festival, sponsored by the  
17 Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Weslaco, on April  
18 2, 2005; and

19           WHEREAS, In addition to serving as a trainer for the Azteca  
20 horse ranch, founded by Ruben Cardenas, Mr. Zarate teaches numerous  
21 students the technique and discipline that it takes to communicate  
22 with and understand the horse and to engage in healthy riding; and

23           WHEREAS, Sebastian Zarate's skillful work with Azteca horses  
24 brings wide attention to this beautiful breed, and it is most

1 appropriate to recognize him for his unwavering commitment to the  
2 highest standards of achievement; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby honor Sebastian Zarate for his dedication to the  
5 breeding and training of Azteca horses and extend to him sincere  
6 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

7       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for Mr. Zarate as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
9 House of Representatives.