

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texans are well known for the deep affection they
2 feel for their homeland, and it is this bond that inspires our
3 desire to fully understand its history, and in doing so to look
4 squarely at both the triumphs and the tragedies of the Lone Star
5 State's past; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1915, a group of banditos raided the McAllen
7 Ranch in Hidalgo County; responding to the incident, Texas Rangers
8 arrived and claimed to have eliminated the perpetrators, but among
9 the dead were Jesus Bazan and Antonio Longoria, Tejanos with
10 familial land grant claims that dated back to Spanish dominion over
11 the territory; and

12 WHEREAS, The Rangers' account of their actions were later
13 called into question by a young cowboy who witnessed the killings,
14 Roland Warnock; and

15 WHEREAS, This incident has attracted new attention with the
16 release of *Border Bandits*, a documentary directed and produced by
17 Kirby Warnock, the grandson of the late Roland Warnock; and

18 WHEREAS, Using audiotape of his grandfather's account of the
19 event to incorporate first-person narration into the historical
20 documentary, Mr. Warnock has created an engaging film that is also
21 an important addition to the annals of Texas history; and

22 WHEREAS, *Border Bandits* was aired on Texas PBS stations in
23 May 2005 and has been screened at numerous film festivals
24 throughout Texas and in California; it has been favorably reviewed

1 by numerous area film critics and has received coverage in *The New*
2 *York Times*; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly recognized
4 Kirby Warnock by introducing this resolution in his behalf during
5 the Regular Session of the 79th Texas Legislature; now, therefore,
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Kirby Warnock on the release of his
9 documentary *Border Bandits* and commend him for transforming this
10 important yet difficult story into a compelling work of art for the
11 benefit of all Texans and audiences everywhere; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Warnock as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.

Pena

H.R. No. 2140

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2140 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House