R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, The 2000 Census found that the Hispanic population

2   in the Dallas-Fort Worth area increased by more than 110 percent

3   between 1990 and 2000, and the Texas State Data Center is projecting

4   that it will grow by another 300 percent by 2040; and

5   WHEREAS, One of the top 100 colleges for Hispanic students,

6   the University of North Texas in Denton has more than 60 outstanding

7   research and service centers that provide specialized training and

8   programs for students, faculty, and the public, but it does not have

9   a special center for Mexican-American studies; and

10   WHEREAS, Such a center would provide classes, programs, and

11   special events that help prepare students to live and work in a

12   state with a growing Latino population, assist in the recruitment

13   of Hispanic students, and encourage high school and junior high

14   students to stay in school; and

15   WHEREAS, The State of Texas would benefit immeasurably from

16   the establishment of a center at the University of North Texas

17   dedicated to studies about this important segment of our

18   population; now, therefore, be it

19   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

20   Legislature hereby express its intent that the University of North

21   Texas establish a Center for Mexican-American Studies; and, be it

22   further

23   RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives state

24   explicitly its legislative intent that the university use any

1 available funds, including legislative appropriations made to the

2 university for instruction, operations, or infrastructure support,

3 federal funds, or gifts or grants, up to $200,000, to establish or

4 operate the center, and that all funds collected by the center be

5 dedicated to the establishment and operation of the center.

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H.R. No. 2231

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2231 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House