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H.R. No. 2233

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, A rider to Senate Bill 1 appropriating \$200,000 to
16 the University of North Texas to establish and operate a Center for
17 Mexican-American Studies was supported by the Texas House of
18 Representatives as a possible item of appropriation, but it was not
19 included in the conference committee report on the bill; and

20 WHEREAS, The State of Texas would benefit immeasurably from
21 the establishment of a center at the University of North Texas
22 dedicated to studies about this important segment of our
23 population; now, therefore, be it

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

1 Legislature hereby express its intent that the University of North
2 Texas establish a Center for Mexican-American Studies; and, be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives state
5 explicitly its legislative intent that the university use any
6 available funds, including legislative appropriations made to the
7 university for instruction, operations, or infrastructure support,
8 federal funds, or gifts or grants, up to \$200,000, to establish or
9 operate the center, and that all funds collected by the center be
10 dedicated to the establishment and operation of the center.