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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is
2 hosting its 78th annual installation banquet on January 25, 2007,
3 and this occasion provides a welcome opportunity to honor the
4 chamber's myriad achievements; and

5 WHEREAS, Chartered in 1929 as the Mexican Chamber of
6 Commerce, the chamber was organized by Don Enrique Santibanez,
7 consul general of Mexico in San Antonio, with the mission of
8 promoting trade, policy, and cultural harmony with his home state;
9 from the beginning, chamber leaders worked hard to identify local
10 Hispanic businesses and to address the ability of these businesses
11 to prosper; in 1949, the group was instrumental in getting city
12 approval for the Buena Vista Street overpass, significantly
13 increasing the mobility of area residents who could be blocked in by
14 train traffic; and

15 WHEREAS, Decades later, the SAHCC continued to promote
16 economic prosperity, and it played a central role in the
17 development and passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement;
18 in the years that followed, the chamber led the efforts to educate
19 Mexican Americans around the country on the trade agreement, and it
20 serves as a key resource for those seeking new trade opportunities
21 as a result; and

22 WHEREAS, This stalwart organization has continued to adapt to
23 the needs of its members, broadening its role to include advocacy of
24 small businesses, as well as those owned by minorities and women,

1 and in 1999, it successfully worked for legislation that
2 strengthened the state's Historically Underutilized Business
3 program; and

4 WHEREAS, For nearly eight decades, the San Antonio Hispanic
5 Chamber of Commerce has rendered invaluable assistance to countless
6 individuals, advanced cross-cultural understanding, and
7 contributed immeasurably to a robust business environment in the
8 state; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of
11 Commerce on the occasion of its 78th installation banquet and
12 extend to its many members sincere best wishes for continued
13 success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce as an
16 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.