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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jeff Horny and Pablo Veliz of San Antonio have
2 enjoyed tremendous success with their film, *La Tragedia de Macario*,
3 which was screened at the prestigious Sundance Film Festival in
4 January 2006, drawing a sell-out audience; and

5 WHEREAS, The producer of the film, Jeff Horny has worked in
6 the entertainment industry for more than 20 years; he moved to Los
7 Angeles in 1994 and immersed himself in all aspects of filmmaking,
8 including producing, directing, crew work, and acting, and he has
9 performed in leading roles in a number of film, television, and
10 theater productions; he has since returned to Texas, where he
11 intends to produce his next film; and

12 WHEREAS, *La Tragedia de Macario* was written, directed, and
13 edited by Pablo Veliz, a graduate of Jefferson High School and a
14 student at The University of Texas at San Antonio; inspired in part
15 by the tragic events in Victoria in 2003, the film explores the
16 complexities of the immigrant's struggle in a powerful and moving
17 narrative of one family's story; an immigrant himself who crossed
18 the Mexico-U.S. border, Mr. Veliz was only 22 years old when he
19 wrote and directed the movie; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to its Sundance showing, *La Tragedia de*
21 *Macario* won the Producers Award for Best Feature Film at the Houston
22 Pan American Film Festival and was an official selection at the 2006
23 Santa Barbara International Film Festival, the 2006 SXSW Film
24 Festival, the 2005 Guadalupe Film Festival, and the 2005

1 WorldFest--Houston; moreover, the film, which was featured on
2 KLRN-TV during Hispanic Heritage Month, was acquired by Arrival
3 Pictures for domestic theatrical release, which ensures that
4 moviegoers across the nation will have the opportunity to view this
5 compelling motion picture; and

6 WHEREAS, In their film, Pablo Veliz and Jeff Horny have
7 courageously tackled the controversial and topical issue of
8 immigration, and it is a testament to their talent and their
9 determination to share this important story that they have achieved
10 such remarkable success; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Jeff Horny and Pablo Veliz on their
13 production, *La Tragedia de Macario*, and extend to them sincere best
14 wishes for continued success both with this film and with all their
15 future projects; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mr. Horny and Mr. Veliz as an expression of high regard
18 by the Texas House of Representatives.