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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas has always been proud of its unique culture,
2 and its literature has long attracted local, regional, and national
3 audiences and critics; among those who have contributed to this
4 treasured heritage, the state's Mexican American voices indeed
5 deserve special acclaim, and on February 10, 2007, we are
6 celebrating the launch of *Hecho en Tejas: An Anthology of Texas*
7 *Mexican Literature*; and

8 WHEREAS, The Southwestern Writers Collection commissioned
9 writer Dagoberto Gilb to edit this anthology, the first of its kind,
10 and is commemorating its publication with an exhibition and a full
11 day of readings, discussions, performances, and book signings on
12 the San Marcos campus of Texas State University; and

13 WHEREAS, More celebrations honoring the Texas Mexican
14 community will be held in the next months in the cities of Houston,
15 San Antonio, El Paso, San Benito, Dallas, Austin, Rockdale,
16 Victoria, and Laredo; and

17 WHEREAS, Edited by the writer Dagoberto Gilb, *Hecho en Tejas*
18 contains nearly a hundred selections, ranging from the 16th-century
19 exploration narrative of Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca to selections
20 from younger voices on the Texas scene; and

21 WHEREAS, Among the prose writers represented are Jovita
22 Gonzalez, Americo Paredes, Rolando Hinojosa, Gloria Anzaldua,
23 Tomas Rivera, and Sandra Cisneros; also included are works by such
24 poets as Tino Villanueva, Carmen Tafolla, Raul Salinas, Angela de

1 Hoyos, and Ricardo Sanchez, as well as corridos from the turn of the
2 20th century and verses from the repertoires of Lydia Mendoza,
3 Freddy Fender, Selena, and other music legends; rounding out the
4 contents are 20 full-color images reproducing the work of leading
5 Texas Mexican artists; and

6 WHEREAS, With this expansive anthology and richly textured
7 portrait of the Mexican American community in Texas, Mr. Gilb and
8 the SWWC have made a major cultural contribution, and their
9 achievement reflects great honor on our Lone Star State; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize February 10, 2007, as *Hecho en Tejas*
13 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the Southwestern Writers
14 Collection at Texas State University--San Marcos sincere
15 appreciation for this literary treasure; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
17 for the Southwestern Writers Collection as an expression of high
18 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.