By: Rodriguez H.R. No. 652

## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Teatro Vivo repertory company is dedicated to 2 bringing high-quality bilingual theater productions to the city of

Austin, and the efforts of its founders and members have had a

4 lasting impact on the Capitol City; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in January 2000, Teatro Vivo traces its

roots back to the 1970s, when husband-and-wife founders Rupert

7 Reyes and Jo Ann Carreon-Reyes were students at The University of

8 Texas at Austin; and

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9 WHEREAS, The couple's concept of a bilingual theater company

highlighting Latino culture and heritage has gone through numerous

incarnations since the two established Teatro Carnales en Espiritu

on the UT campus in 1974; and

WHEREAS, In the past seven years, Teatro Vivo has produced

14 eight full-length bilingual plays and three three-week acting

workshops in Austin; in addition, the company has collaborated on

16 five productions with other local theater groups, including Puerto

17 Rican Folkloric Dance, Different Stages, LupeArte, ALLGO, and Rude

18 Mechanicals; and

19 WHEREAS, Through the visionary leadership of Rupert Reyes and

Jo Ann Carreon-Reyes, Teatro Vivo has embraced and promoted the

21 cultural diversity of the city of Austin, and the efforts of this

talented pair are contributing significantly to the quality of life

23 in Central Texas; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas

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- 1 Legislature hereby honor Rupert Reyes and Jo Ann Carreon-Reyes and
- 2 the many individuals associated with Teatro Vivo for their hard
- 3 work and notable achievements in the theater; and, be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 5 prepared for Teatro Vivo as an expression of high regard by the
- 6 Texas House of Representatives.