

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Johnny Canales, who has achieved tremendous
2 popularity in Mexico and the United States as an entertainer and
3 television host, is now the namesake of a new chapter of the
4 American GI Forum, the Johnny Canales International Chapter; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Canales grew up in Robstown and knew Dr. Hector
6 Garcia, founder of the forum, personally, as the eminent civil
7 rights leader was his physician from the time Mr. Canales was a boy
8 until shortly before Dr. Garcia's death in 1996; and

9 WHEREAS, After graduating from Robstown High School, Mr.
10 Canales served two and a half years in the U.S. Army; he
11 subsequently became a well-known musician and host of the *Johnny*
12 *Canales Show*, which showcased emerging musical talent from both
13 Mexico and the United States; videos of his show have been donated
14 to UCLA and to the Smithsonian Institute; and

15 WHEREAS, Strongly supportive of the Latino community, Mr.
16 Canales has received more than 300 awards for his achievements and
17 civic contributions; among the honors bestowed on him have been a
18 tribute from the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, the National
19 Presidential Medal from LULAC, and the key to the city of Monterrey,
20 where more than 100,000 people attended the filming of one of his
21 shows; and

22 WHEREAS, Based in Robstown, the Canales chapter will be
23 composed of veterans from every military branch and of citizens
24 from all walks of life, including members of the U.S. Congress,

1 entertainers, and athletes; serving as commander of the chapter is
2 Joe Ortiz, civil rights director for the national GI Forum; and

3 WHEREAS, In keeping with the goals of the American GI Forum,
4 the largest Hispanic veterans organization in the nation, the
5 Canales chapter will work on veterans issues, support Latino
6 advancement, and promote education; concerts featuring musical
7 stars from both sides of the border are planned for the purpose of
8 funding scholarships for the local community; in addition, the
9 chapter will seek to secure a national holiday honoring the life and
10 achievements of Dr. Garcia; and

11 WHEREAS, Texans everywhere can take pride in the
12 contributions that Johnny Canales has made to Latino culture and to
13 the Hispanic community, and it is indeed fitting that he be honored
14 in this fashion by the American GI Forum; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Johnny Canales on the chartering of
17 the Johnny Canales International Chapter of the American GI Forum
18 and extend to him sincere appreciation for his outstanding civic
19 engagement; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mr. Canales as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1848

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1848 was adopted by the House on May 18, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House