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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Descendants of Alvino Soza are gathering in the
2 Brazos Valley of Texas for a family reunion on June 30, 2007, and
3 this happy occasion provides a fitting opportunity to pay tribute
4 to the legacy of this esteemed Texan; and

5 WHEREAS, Alvino Soza was born to Antonio Soza and Maria Inez
6 Escobar on December 16, 1860; following in his father's footsteps,
7 he was instrumental in settling and developing land in Starr
8 County, known as Porcion 76, a portion of land granted by the king
9 of Spain to Jose Miguel Antonio Ramirez and Maria Rita Lopez de
10 Jaen; the land later belonged to the stepson of Mr. Ramirez, Jose
11 Maria Escobar, who became known as the Patriarch of Porcion 76; and

12 WHEREAS, During his lifetime, Mr. Soza helped to establish a
13 village along the Rio Grande, named Los Escobares in honor of the
14 patriarch; Mr. Soza and other elders in the village outlined the
15 requirements for a unified community, and following his selection
16 by his peers as commissioner, he was charged with enforcing the
17 agreement; highly respected for his insights and advice, he also
18 served as a peace officer and counselor, assisting in the
19 resolution of various disputes, especially those involving open
20 community property, as a large part of the area was undivided and
21 sparsely populated; in 2006, after more than a century of growth,
22 the village was chartered as the city of Escobares; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Soza and the other settlers, both alone and in
24 caravan, traveled periodically by wagon and horseback to and from

1 their ranches and land holdings, located several miles north of the
2 village, to work the land and attend to their livestock, and in
3 drought conditions, when stock tanks went dry, drove their
4 livestock several miles to the Rio Grande for watering; and

5 WHEREAS, A man of honesty and integrity, with a strong work
6 ethic, Mr. Soza lived in a time when a man's word was golden and
7 transactions were often made on only a handshake; he was a man of
8 strong faith and unfaltering optimism as well, both of which
9 virtues he instilled in his children and grandchildren, and today
10 his descendants give back to their communities, state, and nation
11 as military service members, civil servants, first responders,
12 health care professionals, teachers, law enforcement officials,
13 attorneys, and entrepreneurs; and

14 WHEREAS, Carrying on the proud tradition of Alvino Soza, the
15 Soza family continues to contribute to the betterment of the Lone
16 Star State, and its members may take justifiable pride in their
17 myriad accomplishments and rich heritage; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
19 Legislature hereby honor the organizers and participants of the
20 Soza family reunion and extend to all those involved sincere best
21 wishes for a memorable celebration; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for the Soza family as an expression of high regard by the
24 Texas House of Representatives.