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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A respected organization that celebrates the
2 traditional conjunto music of South Texas, the Conjunto Heritage
3 Taller is making a valuable contribution to the rich cultural
4 legacy of the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, In the five years since it was formed, the Conjunto
6 Heritage Taller has carried forth its mission of preserving and
7 perpetuating conjunto, the lively folk music featuring the button
8 accordion and the bajo sexto stringed instrument that is rooted in
9 the region's Hispanic communities; and

10 WHEREAS, Music instruction is a big part of the
11 organization's efforts; based in San Antonio, it provides lessons
12 in accordion and bajo sexto and also organizes public performances
13 where students get a chance to take the stage; in keeping with its
14 motto, "*musica tradicional* for youth of all ages," the Conjunto
15 Heritage Taller teaches young and old alike, with students ranging
16 in age from seven to 80; and

17 WHEREAS, The organization has also taken part in conferences
18 that focus on conjunto and presents special concerts to showcase
19 the music, such as its annual Dia de Los Muertos Altar and Concert
20 in early November; and

21 WHEREAS, The board of directors that guides this worthwhile
22 organization includes president Adan Ybarra, vice president
23 Rodolfo Lopez, treasurer Ruben Arciniega, secretary Robert de Leon,
24 and board members Ramon Gonzalez, Carol Rodriguez, and Gloria

1 Saavedra; and

2 WHEREAS, Music education is provided by master accordion
3 instructors Bene Medina, Lorenzo Martinez, and Gilbert "Foxy"
4 Garcia, master bajo sexto instructor Jesus "Chucho" Perales, and
5 assistant accordion instructor Juan Garcia, with vital support
6 provided by program coordinator Marisela Barrera; and

7 WHEREAS, By ensuring that this inspiring folk music lives on,
8 these individuals and the other members of the Conjunto Heritage
9 Taller are helping to maintain the unique and vibrant culture of the
10 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
12 Legislature hereby honor the Conjunto Heritage Taller for its
13 efforts to uphold traditional conjunto music in Texas and extend
14 best wishes to the organization for continued success; and, be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the Conjunto Heritage Taller as an expression of high
18 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.