

By: Flores

H.C.R. No. 139

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In 2001, the 77th Texas Legislature passed House  
2 Concurrent Resolution 38, which approved the construction of a  
3 statue or monument on the Capitol grounds that pays tribute to the  
4 contributions of Tejanos to the State of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Eight years later, the statue is awaiting  
6 installation on the Capitol grounds, but 13 T.A.C. Section 111.25  
7 contains a prohibition on placing additional memorials and/or  
8 monuments on the Capitol grounds, with an exception provided for  
9 the placement of the Emancipation Juneteenth monument; as long as  
10 this rule stands, the vast contributions of Tejanos to the State of  
11 Texas continue to go unrecognized on the Capitol grounds; and

12 WHEREAS, These public lawns display monuments to people,  
13 ideals, and events integral to the story of Texas, and these  
14 memorials serve to inform and inspire residents and visitors alike;  
15 a statue in honor of Tejanos installed on the Capitol grounds would  
16 permanently acknowledge the role of this important community in  
17 helping to shape the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
19 hereby direct the State Preservation Board to amend its rules to  
20 allow the statue in honor of Tejanos to be placed on the south lawn  
21 of the Capitol; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official  
23 copy of this resolution to the executive director and members of the  
24 State Preservation Board.