

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gina Chavez has distinguished herself as a member of
2 Austin's world-famous music scene, adding her distinctive voice and
3 eclectic songwriting style to the city's lively mix; and

4 WHEREAS, A native Austinite, Ms. Chavez gained a strong
5 foundation in music at an early age through programs in the Austin
6 Independent School District and by participating in school choirs;
7 she went on to rescue her father's 1954 Martin guitar from a closet
8 and begin composing original songs; while earning her bachelor's
9 degree in journalism at The University of Texas at Austin, she
10 entered the campus-wide talent show, the Texas Revue, and was one of
11 the 14 acts selected to play before an audience of 3,000; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Chavez performed with the band Before the Throne
13 and further honed her skills on coffeehouse stages; in 2006, she won
14 second place in the annual singer-songwriter contest at Fado Irish
15 Pub, and after she completed her debut album, *Hanging Spoons*, the
16 popular venue Momo's hosted her release party; since then, she has
17 been featured regularly at the club, where a growing audience
18 enjoys her blend of folk, blues, Latin, jazz, and other influences;
19 moreover, she has gained listeners through appearances on local
20 television and radio stations; and

21 WHEREAS, Always ready for a challenge, Ms. Chavez has made
22 fine showings in several musical competitions; she was a Southwest
23 semifinalist in the Disc Makers' Independent Music World Series in
24 2007, a monthly Famecast winner in the pop category, and the October

1 2008 austinmusiccity.com poll winner; in addition, she has
2 represented her hometown in behalf of the Austin Convention and
3 Visitors Bureau, and her song "Embrujo" was included on *The Sound is*
4 *Brown*, a compilation CD the bureau produced with the Austin Latino
5 Music Association; and

6 WHEREAS, Austin's reputation as the Live Music Capital of the
7 World depends on the individuality and talent of its myriad
8 musicians, and Gina Chavez continues to make her own unique
9 contributions; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize Gina Chavez for her achievements in
12 music and extend to her best wishes for continued success; and, be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Ms. Chavez as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 69

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 69 was adopted by the House on January 27, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House