

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The life and achievements of veteran journalist and  
2 Chicano activist Joe Olvera were recognized during a celebration in  
3 El Paso on January 17, 2009, when he received the Star on the  
4 Mountain Award from the City of El Paso and the Chicano Lifetime  
5 Achievement Award from Del Pueblo Press; and

6           WHEREAS, A native of El Paso, Mr. Olvera began his work in  
7 journalism as the sports editor of the Jefferson High School  
8 newspaper; he went on to serve his nation in the U.S. Air Force and  
9 later pursued studies at The University of Texas at El Paso and at  
10 Columbia University in New York City; and

11           WHEREAS, This pioneering writer and reporter has worked for  
12 *USA Today*, the *El Paso Times*, and the *El Paso Herald-Post*; moreover,  
13 he was one of the first Chicanos to work in El Paso television news,  
14 as a reporter for KDBC-TV; and

15           WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Mr. Olvera has been an  
16 uncompromising voice for justice and equality, closing each of his  
17 columns with his trademark "sin fin," Spanish for "without end"; he  
18 has also published books, including *Voces de la gente* and  
19 *Chicano--Sin Fin! Memoirs of a Chicano Journalist*; he continues to  
20 speak out, writing forthrightly about politics and his personal  
21 struggle with diabetes; and

22           WHEREAS, Joe Olvera has made an indelible mark on the field of  
23 journalism, and his fellow El Pasoans are justifiably proud of this  
24 accomplished native son; now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Joe Olvera on winning the Star on  
3 the Mountain Award from the City of El Paso and the Chicano Lifetime  
4 Achievement Award from Del Pueblo Press and extend to him sincere  
5 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for Mr. Olvera as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
8 House of Representatives.

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| Allen            | Geren               | Merritt           |
| Alonzo           | Giddings            | Miklos            |
| Alvarado         | Gonzales            | Miller of Comal   |
| Anchia           | Gonzalez Toureilles | Miller of Erath   |
| Anderson         | Guillen             | Moody             |
| Aycock           | Gutierrez           | Morrison          |
| Berman           | Hamilton            | Naishtat          |
| Bohac            | Hancock             | Oliveira          |
| Bolton           | Hardcastle          | Olivo             |
| Bonnen           | Harless             | Orr               |
| Branch           | Harper-Brown        | Ortiz, Jr.        |
| Brown of Kaufman | Hartnett            | Otto              |
| Brown of Brazos  | Heflin              | Parker            |
| Burnam           | Hernandez           | Patrick           |
| Button           | Herrero             | Paxton            |
| Callegari        | Hilderbran          | Peña              |
| Castro           | Hochberg            | Phillips          |
| Chavez           | Hodge               | Pickett           |
| Chisum           | Homer               | Pierson           |
| Christian        | Hopson              | Pitts             |
| Cohen            | Howard of Fort Bend | Quintanilla       |
| Coleman          | Howard of Travis    | Raymond           |
| Cook             | Hughes              | Riddle            |
| Corte            | Hunter              | Rios Ybarra       |
| Crabb            | Isett               | Ritter            |
| Craddick         | Jackson             | Rodriguez         |
| Creighton        | Jones               | Rose              |
| Crownover        | Keffer              | Sheffield         |
| Darby            | Kent                | Shelton           |
| Davis of Harris  | King of Parker      | Smith of Tarrant  |
| Davis of Dallas  | King of Taylor      | Smith of Harris   |
| Deshotel         | King of Zavala      | Smithee           |
| Driver           | Kleinschmidt        | Solomons          |
| Dukes            | Kolkhorst           | Strama            |
| Dunnam           | Kuempel             | Swinford          |
| Dutton           | Laubenberg          | Taylor            |
| Edwards          | Legler              | Thibaut           |
| Eiland           | Leibowitz           | Thompson          |
| Eissler          | Lewis               | Truitt            |
| Elkins           | Lucio III           | Turner of Tarrant |
| England          | Madden              | Turner of Harris  |
| Farabee          | Maldonado           | Vaught            |
| Farias           | Mallory Caraway     | Veasey            |
| Farrar           | Marquez             | Villarreal        |
| Fletcher         | Martinez            | Vo                |
| Flores           | Martinez Fischer    | Walle             |
| Flynn            | McCall              | Weber             |
| Frost            | McClendon           | Woolley           |
| Gallego          | McReynolds          | Zerwas            |

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 842 was adopted by the House on March 19, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House