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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

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.