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H.R. No. 2184

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Carlos Reynaldo Gutierrez of Seguin has bridged
2 Latin and Anglo cultures for more than five decades as a musician in
3 Central Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Victoria on February 16, 1943, "Charlie"
5 Gutierrez demonstrated his love of music at a young age; his uncle,
6 Rudy Martinez, played in a big band and served as his mentor, buying
7 him his first musical instrument and giving him extensive lessons;
8 a gifted saxophonist, flutist, and vocalist, Mr. Gutierrez was
9 invited to play weekend shows alongside his uncle as a teenager; he
10 joined the orchestra of Dario Perez in 1959 and graduated from St.
11 Joseph's High School two years later; and

12 WHEREAS, During the 1960s and 1970s, Mr. Gutierrez played
13 with Joe Camacho's band, which pleased audiences with both Mexican
14 music and popular tunes of the day; after Mr. Camacho passed away,
15 Mr. Gutierrez joined with other members of his ensemble to form the
16 Crystals, playing across Texas and for many Victoria civic and
17 social functions into the 1990s; and

18 WHEREAS, This dedicated musician also began performing from
19 time to time with Austin big band legend Nash Hernandez; after Mr.
20 Hernandez passed away in 1994, his son, Ruben, took on leadership of
21 the Nash Hernandez Orchestra, and he hired Mr. Gutierrez as lead
22 singer in 1999; and

23 WHEREAS, While excelling as a performer, Mr. Gutierrez has
24 enjoyed success as a businessman as well; in all his endeavors, he

1 enjoys the love and support of his wife of 45 years, Terry
2 Gutierrez, their two daughters, Christine Welty and Cathy Biggins,
3 and their grandchildren, Kristin Gutierrez and Skyler Biggins; and

4 WHEREAS, An outstanding citizen and a captivating vocalist,
5 Mr. Gutierrez continues to blend cultures and delight a host of fans
6 as he sings Latin favorites, American jazz standards, and classic
7 R&B with the longest-running big band in the capital of the Lone
8 Star State; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor Charlie Gutierrez for his remarkable
11 musical career and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
12 success; and, be it further

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