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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Mexic-Arte Museum in Austin is celebrating its
2 25th anniversary in 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, This beloved institution was founded at the Arts
4 Warehouse in 1984 by artists Sylvia Orozco, Pio Pulido, and Sam
5 Coronado and subsequently became one of the first art venues in
6 downtown Austin when it moved to a building on Congress Avenue; and

7 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the museum has produced and
8 presented cultural and educational programs for more than 100,000
9 children from throughout Central Texas, and it has hosted numerous
10 exhibitions focusing on traditional and contemporary Mexican,
11 Latino, and Latin American art and culture; moreover, it has
12 organized an annual Dia de los Muertos procession and festival that
13 regularly draws thousands of participants of all ages and
14 backgrounds; in 2001, the museum received major support from the
15 City of Austin to purchase the Congress Avenue building in exchange
16 for producing an annual exhibition of art created by underserved
17 youth; and

18 WHEREAS, Among the many milestones in the museum's rich
19 history are its selection as the Official Sister Museum of the Diego
20 Rivera and Frida Kahlo Studio Museum in Mexico City in 1993 and its
21 designation by the Texas Legislature as the Official Mexican and
22 Mexican American Fine Art Museum of Texas in 2003; that same year,
23 the museum signed an agreement with the Mexican government's
24 National Council on Arts and Culture to present international art

1 exhibitions; and

2 WHEREAS, Most recently, the museum benefited from the passage
3 of a \$5 million bond package that will go toward a new museum
4 facility and expanded educational services, and it initiated an
5 internship and research assistant program in partnership with the
6 College of Fine Arts at The University of Texas at Austin; and

7 WHEREAS, Generously supported by sponsors, donors, members,
8 and a visionary board of directors, Mexic-Arte Museum has
9 distinguished itself as a vital cultural resource, and with its
10 innovative exhibitions and educational outreach programs, it is
11 sure to remain a respected Central Texas institution for many years
12 to come; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor the Mexic-Arte Museum on its 25th
15 anniversary and extend to all those associated with the museum
16 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the Mexic-Arte Museum as an expression of high regard
19 by the Texas House of Representatives.