

By: Castro

H.R. No. 2786

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The media arts center Cine Las Americas in Austin
2 has contributed significantly to the cultural vitality of Central
3 Texas for more than 10 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Cine Las Americas began in 1997 as a Cuban film
5 retrospective sponsored by the Mexic-Arte Museum in Austin; the
6 program's success led to the presentation of the Cine Las Americas
7 International Film Festival the following year; sponsored by the
8 local Latino community with support from the City of Austin and the
9 Texas Commission on the Arts, the festival showcased motion
10 pictures by and about Latinos, from all over the Americas; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, the CLA International Film Festival
12 continues to thrive, exhibiting an average of 100 films annually
13 from across Texas, the United States, and Latin America during a
14 nine-day event held every April; films are also shown throughout
15 the year in collaboration with other venues, such as the Museum of
16 Fine Arts in Houston and the South by Southwest Film Conference and
17 Festival; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to showing and promoting Latin and
19 indigenous film and video, CLA is actively engaged in bilingual
20 media arts education for minority youth; it sponsors Emergencia, an
21 international youth film competition for high school students and
22 BeatLab, a digital music creation program for students in the
23 Austin Independent School District, in which professional
24 musicians help students explore their creativity and talent through

1 technology and music; and

2 WHEREAS, This unique nonprofit institution has embraced its
3 mission to educate, entertain, and challenge individuals through
4 film and the media arts, and in so doing, it has promoted greater
5 cross-cultural understanding and appreciation; now, therefore, be
6 it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby commend Cine Las Americas for its contributions
9 to its community and to the Lone Star State and extend sincere best
10 wishes to the center's staff and students for continued success;
11 and, be it further

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