

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Fidencio Duran was recognized by the Austin History
2 Center in conjunction with its exhibit *Mexican American Firsts:*
3 *Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County*; and

4 WHEREAS, Honoring the important contributions made by
5 Mexican Americans to Central Texas, the Austin History Center and
6 its association joined with the Austin Public Library to organize
7 the show, which ran from August 21, 2010, through January 16, 2011;
8 *Mexican American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County*
9 celebrated the pioneering achievements of 32 remarkable men and
10 women and provided the public with an opportunity to learn more
11 about their lives; and

12 WHEREAS, One such individual, Fidencio Duran, was honored for
13 his achievements in the arts; he is a nationally recognized
14 painter, muralist, and art educator; as a teenager, Mr. Duran was
15 inspired to pursue a career in art through the Arts in Education
16 program at Lockhart High School, and he completed a Bachelor of Fine
17 Arts degree from The University of Texas at Austin in 1984; he
18 opened a studio in Austin and has exhibited his paintings at many
19 museums and galleries across the country; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Duran is a regular exhibitor at the Mexic-Arte
21 Museum in Austin and has worked for the Arts in Education program as
22 an artist in residence in numerous Texas cities for more than a
23 dozen years; he is perhaps best known for his mural work, such as
24 *Lockhart Mural* in Lockhart, *La Esperanza* in Brownsville, and

1 Zaragosa in Austin, among others; as part of his commitment to arts
2 education, he involves local students in the execution of his mural
3 projects; and

4 WHEREAS, Fidencio Duran has made a positive difference in his
5 community, and his outstanding accomplishments are a source of
6 pride and inspiration to many people; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Fidencio Duran on his selection as
9 a Mexican American Trailblazer of Austin and Travis County and
10 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

Rodriguez

H.R. No. 701

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 701 was adopted by the House on March 17, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House