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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.