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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Tomas Guedea, Sr., was posthumously recognized by  
2 the Austin History Center in conjunction with its exhibit *Mexican*  
3 *American Firsts: 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, Tom Guedea, was honored for his  
13 achievements in sports; he moved from Dallas to Austin with his wife  
14 and family in 1941 and worked for a decade as a dental technician  
15 before opening Guedea's Store, which evolved into three groceries;  
16 in addition to offering no-interest credit to his customers, he  
17 showed movies on weekends to give young people a safe place to  
18 gather; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Guedea founded the first Hispanic Golf  
20 Association in 1957, which has grown from 10 to more than 4,000  
21 members, and he coached the Aztecs, the city's first semipro  
22 Hispanic baseball team; moreover, he received accolades from such  
23 organizations as the Capital Area Food Bank, the East Austin Lions  
24 Club, and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program for his civic

1 leadership; Mr. Guedea passed away in 1989; and

2           WHEREAS, Through his outstanding accomplishments, Tom Guedea  
3 made a positive difference in his community, and his legacy is a  
4 source of pride and inspiration to many people; now, therefore, be  
5 it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Tomas Guedea, Sr., a  
8 Mexican American Trailblazer of Austin and Travis County.