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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Arturo Lopez Aleman 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, Arturo Aleman, was honored for
13 his achievements in public service; Mr. Aleman immigrated to Travis
14 County from Mexico in 1911, when he was just 14 years old; after
15 laboring as a tenant farmer in Del Valle, he achieved his American
16 Dream, becoming proprietor of the Aleman Grocery Store at 210
17 Medina Street in Austin; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Aleman was deeply committed to the betterment of
19 East Austin and made numerous contributions to civic life; when the
20 Mexican Methodist Church of Austin was reorganized in 1923, he
21 became a steward, and he served in that capacity for more than half
22 a century; he became a lay preacher in 1933, and as the
23 congregation's historian, he wrote a book documenting the history
24 of the Methodist Church in Austin's Mexican American community; and

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

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Arturo Lopez Aleman, a
7 Mexican American Trailblazer of Austin and Travis County.