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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Roy Lozano was posthumously recognized by the Austin
2 History Center in conjunction with its exhibit *Mexican American*
3 *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, Roy Lozano, was honored for his
13 achievements in the arts; summers in Mexico nurtured his interest
14 in the country's traditional dance, which he began learning at age
15 15; he went on to attend The University of Texas, where he cofounded
16 UT-Austin's Ballet Folklorico student group, and he later became a
17 principal dancer with the Ballet Folklorico de Mexico de Amalia
18 Hernandez; and

19 WHEREAS, He founded Roy Lozano's Ballet Folklorico de Texas
20 in 1982, fostering appreciation for their heritage among members of
21 the local Mexican American community; the troupe performed for
22 England's Queen Elizabeth at the State Capitol and appears at the
23 Zilker Hillside Theater each August on Roy Lozano's Ballet de Texas
24 Day; Mr. Lozano passed away in 1994; and

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

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