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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Fidel Estrada 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, Fidel Estrada, was honored for  
13 his achievements in business; a native of Austin, Mr. Estrada grew  
14 up in the Santa Rita projects and went to work at an early age for  
15 Austin Cleaners; in 1960, he borrowed \$200 from his mother and  
16 started his own business, Estrada Cleaners, on East 7th Street;  
17 over the years, the company expanded to three locations and has  
18 continued to thrive; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada has used his success to serve others; he  
20 has been active with the East Austin Lions Club, St. Julia Catholic  
21 Church, the Human Relations Board, the Human Opportunities  
22 Corporation, the League of United Latin American Citizens, and the  
23 American GI Forum; he was named Businessman of the Year by the  
24 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in 1990, and in 1994 he was presented

1 with the LULAC Hispanic Leadership Award; and

2 WHEREAS, Fidel Estrada has made a positive difference in his  
3 community, and his outstanding accomplishments are a source of  
4 pride and inspiration to many people; now, therefore, be it

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

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