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R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Margarita Munoz Simon was posthumously recognized
2 by the Austin History Center in conjunction with its exhibit
3 *Mexican American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County*;
4 and
5   WHEREAS, Honoring the important contributions made by
6 Mexican Americans to Central Texas, the Austin History Center and
7 its association joined with the Austin Public Library to organize
8 the show, which ran from August 21, 2010, through January 16, 2011;
9 *Mexican American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County*
10 celebrated the pioneering achievements of 32 remarkable men and
11 women and provided the public with an opportunity to learn more
12 about their lives; and
13   WHEREAS, One such individual, Margarita Munoz Simon, was
14 honored for her achievements in media; after moving to Austin with
15 her husband in 1942, she quickly became involved in civic and
16 community affairs, publishing the weekly Spanish-language
17 newspaper *El Democrata* in the 1940s and then beginning an
18 extraordinary career as a radio commentator broadcast throughout
19 the Austin area; and
20   WHEREAS, Earning the nickname "la Reyna de la Radio" for her
21 more than 50 years on the airwaves, Mrs. Simon was also a founding
22 member of the Austin League of United Latin American Citizens, the
23 local American GI Forum, and the Mexican American Business and
24 Professional Women's Association, and she consistently sought to

1 emphasize the beauty of her culture and heritage; she passed away in

2 2008; and

3   WHEREAS, Through her outstanding accomplishments, Margarita

4 Munoz Simon made a positive difference in her community, and her

5 legacy is a source of pride and inspiration to many people; now,

6 therefore, be it

7   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Margarita Munoz

9 Simon, a Mexican American Trailblazer of Austin and Travis County.