

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jorge Duron Guerra was 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, Jorge Duron Guerra, was honored
13 for his achievements in business and community service; a native of
14 Montemorelos, Mexico, he moved to Philadelphia at the age of 19; he
15 enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1953, and later served in the
16 U.S. Air Force; in 1963, he and his wife, Ninfa, opened El Azteca
17 Restaurant, which continues to thrive in Austin; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Guerra has been recognized as the voice of the
19 Mexican American community in East Austin; as a member of the
20 American GI Forum, he helped fight the discriminatory treatment of
21 Hispanic veterans, and he was a member of the original chapter of
22 the League of United Latin American Citizens; he was president of
23 the Govalle Elementary School PTA, and he was active with the Booker
24 T. Washington Neighborhood Center; he played an essential role in

1 the expansion of Brackenridge Hospital's services to Austin's
2 poorer communities, and his long record of service has been
3 recognized with awards from the American GI Forum, the Human
4 Opportunities Corporation of Travis County, and the Austin
5 Independent School District; and

6 WHEREAS, Jorge Duron Guerra has made a positive difference in
7 his community, and his outstanding accomplishments are a source of
8 pride and inspiration to many people; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Jorge Duron Guerra on his selection
11 as a Mexican American Trailblazer of Austin and Travis County and
12 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Mr. Guerra as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.

Rodriguez

H.R. No. 726

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 726 was adopted by the House on March 17, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House