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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.