

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Legendary Texas musician Little Joe Hernandez and
2 his band La Familia added to their long list of accomplishments by
3 winning the Grammy Award for Best Tejano Album at the 53rd annual
4 Grammy Awards on February 13, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, The award honored the group's album *Recuerdos*, and
6 it marked the fourth time that Little Joe y La Familia has taken
7 home a gold statuette from The Recording Academy; the band has also
8 received five other Grammy nominations through the years, and these
9 honors are just one measure of the success it has enjoyed in a long
10 and hugely influential career; and

11 WHEREAS, Born in Temple in 1940, Jose Maria De Leon Hernandez
12 began performing while still in his teens, and in 1959 became the
13 leader of Little Joe and the Latinaires, a group that also included
14 his younger brother, Jesse; when Jesse was killed in a car accident
15 five years later, Little Joe vowed to bring the dreams they shared
16 of musical success to fruition, and in the 1960s and early 1970s he
17 and his bandmates began to build a strong following while
18 pioneering an exciting new brand of music; mixing traditional
19 Mexican *norteno* with elements of country, blues, rock, and big-band
20 swing, their sound helped create the style that would later become
21 known as Tejano; and

22 WHEREAS, In the early 1970s, the ensemble took the name La
23 Familia, as the members more closely embraced their cultural
24 heritage, and Little Joe's songs became anthems of ethnic pride for

1 Hispanics throughout the United States and beyond; and

2 WHEREAS, Through the decades, this beloved group has released
3 more than 50 albums and realized many milestones, including
4 becoming the first Tejano act to claim a Grammy, an achievement that
5 took place in 1992; in collecting another award in 2011, Little Joe
6 y La Familia has demonstrated that its music remains as vital as
7 ever, and its leader and members may take justifiable pride in the
8 role they have played in furthering the notable musical reputation
9 of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Little Joe y La Familia on winning
12 the Grammy Award for Best Tejano Album at the 53rd annual Grammy
13 Awards and extend to Mr. Hernandez and the members of his band
14 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 House of Representatives.

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Straus	Gonzales of Williamson	Morrison
Aliseda	Gonzalez	Munoz, Jr.
Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Nash
Anchia	Hamilton	Oliveira
Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
Darby	Kuempel	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Landtroop	Smith of Tarrant
J. Davis of Harris	Larson	Smithee
S. Davis of Harris	Laubenberg	Solomons
Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
Driver	Legler	Taylor of Collin
Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
Eiland	Lucio III	Torres
Eissler	Lyne	Truitt
Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Miles	Workman
Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

H.R. No. 831

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 831 was adopted by the House on March 16, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House