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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Humberto G. Garcia of Del Rio is focusing new
2 attention on an inspiring chapter in the city's history with the
3 publication of his book *Mustang Miracle* that tells the story of the
4 state champion San Felipe High School golf team of 1957; and

5 WHEREAS, In the mid-1950s, a group of students were recruited
6 to form a golf team at San Felipe High, which was then a segregated
7 school; their knowledge of the game had been gained by working as
8 caddies and playing on a hardscrabble course they had made
9 themselves; despite having outdated and inferior equipment and no
10 professional instruction, the San Felipe Mustangs became winners;
11 the team finished as runner-up in the state championship tournament
12 in 1956; the next year, they returned to the finals, the only
13 minority players in the event, and captured the Texas state title;
14 this triumph over all expectations inspired Mr. Garcia to write
15 *Mustang Miracle*; and

16 WHEREAS, The book is his first published work after a notable
17 career as a lawyer; born in Del Rio in 1955, he spent his formative
18 years working in potato and onion fields with his family; he
19 graduated from San Felipe High School as class salutatorian in 1972
20 and attended The University of Texas at Austin, where he received
21 his bachelor's degree in government at the age of 19; Mr. Garcia
22 then earned his law degree from The University of Texas School of
23 Law and in 1980 was appointed as Del Rio's first full-time city
24 attorney; five years later, he moved to San Antonio and established

1 a successful private practice; and

2 WHEREAS, In January 2011, he retired from full-time work to
3 concentrate on consulting and writing and also to nurture his
4 golfing career; as a professional, Mr. Garcia has played in several
5 qualifiers for the Champions Tour and is a regular on the Southern
6 Texas Professional Golfers Association Senior Series; in all his
7 endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his wife, Cynthia, and
8 his four children; and

9 WHEREAS, As a San Felipe High School alumnus and an avid
10 golfer, Mr. Garcia is uniquely qualified to tell the tale of the
11 state champion Mustangs team, and the resulting saga of
12 perseverance in the face of adversity is one that is sure to
13 resonate beyond Del Rio and the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Humberto G. Garcia on the
17 publication of *Mustang Miracle* and extend to him sincere best
18 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mr. Garcia as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives.