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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, from its earliest days as a
2 Spanish colony to the most recent events of today, Texas has
3 benefited enormously from the contributions of Latino residents;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Individuals of Hispanic descent have excelled in all
6 sectors of our society and economy, helping to build Texas into a
7 productive state that is focused on the future; and

8 WHEREAS, Texans who trace their heritage to Mexico, Central
9 and South America, the Caribbean, and Spain have created a cultural
10 legacy that has influenced our way of life in innumerable ways and
11 greatly enriched the distinctive music, arts, food, and traditions
12 that are associated with the Lone Star State; and

13 WHEREAS, Adherence to the time-honored values of hard work
14 and sacrifice and belief in the importance of family and faith are
15 widespread among Latinos in our state and have strengthened the
16 unifying identity that binds all Texans; moreover, members of the
17 Hispanic community have distinguished themselves in a willingness
18 to take up arms for our nation, valiantly stepping forward time and
19 again through the decades; in so doing, these courageous men and
20 women have defended their fellow citizens and upheld the principles
21 of equality and liberty; and

22 WHEREAS, In 1968, Congress authorized the president to issue
23 an annual proclamation in honor of Latino citizens, and two decades
24 later the 100th Congress passed a law designating National Hispanic

1 Heritage Month, a 31-day period that begins on September 15 and ends
2 on October 15 each year; and

3 WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is widely celebrated by
4 people throughout our state, and in light of the immense
5 contributions that individuals of Latino descent have made to
6 Texas, it is indeed appropriate that this observance receive formal
7 state recognition; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize September 15 to October 15, 2012, as
10 Latino Texan Month.