

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 583

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Rudi R. Rodriguez, who is receiving the 2010 Texas Historical Commission Award of Excellence in Preserving History at the commission's annual preservation conference on April 1, 2011, in Austin; and

WHEREAS, The award honors an individual, organization, or project that has contributed significantly to the understanding or preservation of Texas or local history; and

WHEREAS, A businessman and community leader, Rudi Rodriguez has followed his passion for Texas and its history for more than 25 years; in the last 10 years, he focused primarily on Tejanos in Texas history; he founded TexasTejano.com, a popular website and a business enterprise that has created two world-class traveling exhibits and produced major Tejano documentaries and plays; and

WHEREAS, Rudi has been a champion of Tejano Heritage Month and worked with representatives of the Texas Historical Commission, the Texas General Land Office, the Texas State Historical Association, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the National Park Service's El Camino Real de Los Tejas project in efforts to preserve the state's history; and

WHEREAS, Rudi recently began planning for a Hispanic Heritage Center of Texas to educate, elevate, and celebrate the Hispanic experience of the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries; the center has obtained nonprofit status and plans are proceeding for a vibrant museum, a world-class research library, a multipurpose center, and a Tejano Living Heritage Village; it will be located in the HemisFair Park in San Antonio; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Rudi R. Rodriguez for his outstanding contributions to preserving Texas history for future generations and extend to him congratulations on receiving the Texas Historical Commission Award of Excellence in Preserving History; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 24, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate