

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Norteno music legend Ramon Ayala is visiting the  
2 State Capitol on May 15, 2013, in celebration of his 50th year in  
3 music, and this occasion provides an ideal opportunity to recognize  
4 this acclaimed accordionist, songwriter, and singer; and

5 WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Hidalgo, Mr. Ayala was born  
6 in Monterrey, Mexico, on December 8, 1945; he took up his signature  
7 instrument at the age of six and helped support his family with his  
8 playing; as a teenager, he teamed with Cornelio Reyna to form Los  
9 Relampagos del Norte, which synthesized traditional norteno music  
10 with more modern elements from Texas conjunto; their brilliant  
11 fusion defined norteno in the 1960s, and their many hits, including  
12 "Ya No Llores" and "El Disgusto," have been covered by countless  
13 other artists through the years; and

14 WHEREAS, Los Relampagos recorded 20 albums before the members  
15 parted ways in 1971; subsequently, the accordion virtuoso found  
16 even greater success leading Ramon Ayala y Sus Bravos del Norte;  
17 songs such as "Un Rinconcito en el Cielo," "Chaparra de Mi Amor,"  
18 and "Tragos Amargos" became norteno standards, and Mr. Ayala has  
19 remained much in demand as a performer, on stage, on television, and  
20 in more than a dozen movies; and

21 WHEREAS, Nominated for several Grammy Awards, Mr. Ayala won  
22 the honor in the Best Mexican-American Album category in 2001 for  
23 *En Vivo... El Hombre Y Su Musica*, and he produced the 2010 Best  
24 Norteno Album winner, *Classic*, a tribute to Los Relampagos by  
25 contemporary superstars Intocable; Mr. Ayala has also received two

1 Latin Grammys, and in 1997, Los Relampagos was inducted into the  
2 Pura Vida Music Hall of Fame; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ayala has demonstrated a deep commitment to his  
4 community, and in 2000, he sponsored the first Ramon Ayala  
5 Christmas Posada, an event highlighted by a toy giveaway for area  
6 children; the presents delight some 10,000 youngsters annually and  
7 are an especially treasured holiday tradition for those from  
8 disadvantaged backgrounds; and

9 WHEREAS, The posada also includes a mass and a Nativity  
10 reenactment, and the day comes to an exciting close when the man  
11 known as "El Rey del Accordeon"--the "King of the Accordion"--joins  
12 with other performers to present a free concert; the event was moved  
13 from his hometown of Hidalgo to the community of Las Milpas in 2012;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Ramon Ayala has made vital contributions to Texas  
16 music through his innovations and artistry, and while delighting  
17 countless Tejano fans over the course of his career, he has been  
18 equally devoted to bringing the joy of the holiday season to all  
19 members of his community; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas  
21 hereby declare May 15, 2013, as Ramon Ayala Day at the State Capitol  
22 and congratulate Mr. Ayala on his 50th anniversary in music; and,  
23 be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Mr. Ayala as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
26 House of Representatives and Senate.

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Martinez Fischer

Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
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Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
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Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 121 was adopted by the House on May 16, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 121 was adopted by the Senate on May 22, 2013, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor