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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State is known around the globe for its
2 world-class entertainers, and legendary Tejano musician Roberto
3 Pulido has been thrilling audiences for 40 years with his
4 distinctive and heartfelt music; and

5 WHEREAS, Born into a family of migrant farmworkers on March
6 1, 1950, in Edinburg, Roberto Pulido learned to play music from his
7 father and uncle; he took up the saxophone in the eighth grade, and
8 his nimble playing earned him paying jobs and, later, a scholarship
9 to Pan American University; after graduating with a music degree,
10 he taught high school while working club dates on the weekends, and
11 during this period he became the lead vocalist for the band Cecilio
12 Garza y Los Kasinos; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Pulido left teaching in 1973 to devote himself
14 full-time to music, and one year later he formed the band he is
15 still fronting, Los Clasicos; he and the group quickly scored a hit
16 with "Copa Tres Copa," and they have continued to distinguish
17 themselves as one of Tejano music's most popular and enduring acts;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Through the years, Mr. Pulido, who is
20 affectionately known as "El Primo," has won legions of followers
21 with his innovative fusion of traditional *orquesta* music with
22 accordion-based conjunto sounds; his artistry has been recognized
23 with numerous honors from the Tejano Music Awards, including Male
24 Vocalist of the Year, Single of the Year, and Male Entertainer of

1 the Year; in addition, he has received a formal tribute from the
2 Texas Jaycees, and in 1999 he was inducted into the Tejano Music
3 Hall of Fame; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Pulido is also a mentor to aspiring music
5 students and has established the Roberto Pulido Music Scholarship
6 Endowment at his college alma mater and at The University of Texas
7 at Brownsville; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the course of his long and successful career,
9 Roberto Pulido has brought enjoyment to countless music fans while
10 inspiring a host of other Tejano singers, and this talented and
11 innovative performer is indeed deserving of recognition; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor Roberto Pulido for his noteworthy
15 accomplishments in the music industry and extend to him sincere
16 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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