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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mariachi Los Lobos and Grupo Folklorico Ozomatli,
2 two groups from Palmview High School in Mission, were chosen to
3 perform in the 57th Inaugural Parade in honor of President Barack
4 Obama on January 21, 2013, in Washington, D.C.; and

5 WHEREAS, This prestigious honor allowed the students to
6 represent the Rio Grande Valley and the State of Texas in a
7 prominent national showcase, while helping to focus attention on
8 the country's Hispanic heritage, and it marked yet another notable
9 achievement for these respected ensembles; and

10 WHEREAS, Since their inception in 2008, Mariachi Los Lobos
11 and Grupo Folklorico Ozomatli have worked to preserve the Latino
12 traditions and culture of the local community; the groups have
13 flourished in their first four years, earning wide recognition and
14 sparking new enthusiasm for music and dance among students in the La
15 Joya Independent School District; and

16 WHEREAS, Mariachi Los Lobos, under the direction of music
17 director Mayra Garcia, has earned great acclaim for its
18 accomplished and inspiring performances; many students in the group
19 have placed in top chairs at the All-Valley Region 15 Mariachi
20 competition, and its vocalists have made the finals every year at
21 the Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza National Vocal Competition; in
22 2011, Mariachi Los Lobos was named the best 5A High School Mariachi
23 in the state, and in 2012 it claimed runner-up honors; in addition,
24 the group has won awards in various local competitions, such as The

1 University of Texas-Pan American Festival of International Books
2 and Arts, and it was honored at the Texas State Capitol in 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, Grupo Folklorico Ozomatli, which is guided by music
4 director Rolando Rodriguez, has performed in numerous concerts and
5 folkloric festivals around the country; the group is renowned for
6 its talented dancers, many of whom have gone on to receive college
7 scholarships, including awards from the National Endowment for the
8 Arts, and to join professional dance companies; and

9 WHEREAS, Every year, Mariachi Los Lobos and Grupo Folklorico
10 Ozomatli work together to present two concerts that regularly draw
11 sell-out crowds of more than 3,000 people per show; these events
12 reflect the widespread popularity of these dedicated student
13 entertainers, whose artistry has become an integral part of the
14 rich cultural offerings in the Rio Grande Valley; now, therefore,
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Mariachi Los Lobos and Grupo
18 Folklorico Ozomatli on their selection as performers in the 57th
19 Presidential Inaugural Parade and extend to them sincere best
20 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for the groups as an expression of high regard by the Texas
23 House of Representatives.