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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2013 marks the 30th anniversary of the  
2 founding of the Sin Fronteras Organizing Project; and

3 WHEREAS, Carlos and Alicia Marentes, longtime members of the  
4 farm labor movement, established the project in 1983 to fight  
5 against the injustice and inequality faced by farmworkers in West  
6 Texas and southern New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, Headquartered in south El Paso, the organization  
8 offers numerous services to the more than 14,000 farm laborers who  
9 live and work in this region of the border between the United States  
10 and Mexico; at the Centro de los Trabajadores Agricolas  
11 Fronterizos, or Border Farm Workers Center, the project provides  
12 shelter, legal help, and programs, including English and arts  
13 classes, to those who work in the fields as well as to low-income  
14 local residents; and

15 WHEREAS, The cultural heritage of the area is reflected even  
16 in the architecture of the Centro, and its different sections are  
17 designed to appear like a village with buildings coming together to  
18 create a community; moreover, the walls are decorated with murals  
19 that narrate the workers' journeys and reflect the spirit of their  
20 struggle; and

21 WHEREAS, While Mr. and Mrs. Marentes continue to lead the  
22 organization, Sin Fronteras is overseen by a board of directors  
23 composed of a civic leader and six farmworkers; in addition,  
24 dedicated staff and volunteers, including farmworkers and their

1 families, help the project meet the needs of the community; and

2 WHEREAS, For three decades, the Sin Fronteras Organizing  
3 Project has worked to advance the financial, social, and political  
4 status of farmworkers, and it is indeed fitting to recognize its  
5 accomplishments on the occasion of this milestone year; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby honor the Sin Fronteras Organizing Project on  
9 the 30th anniversary of its founding and commend the group's  
10 administrators, staff, and volunteers for their service; and, be it  
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the  
14 Texas House of Representatives.