

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Over the course of a long and accomplished career,
2 Juan "Johnny" Canales of Corpus Christi has played an important
3 role in popularizing Tejano music through his influential work as a
4 television and radio host, and his contributions are deeply
5 appreciated by legions of fans; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Canales grew up in Robstown, and his
7 introduction to music and hard work came at an early age; he helped
8 his family in the cotton fields by day and then played guitar and
9 sang at night as part of a duo with his father; and

10 WHEREAS, After serving his nation as a member of the U.S. Army
11 in the late 1960s and early 1970s, Mr. Canales returned home and
12 started a band, Johnny Canales y Su Orquesta; the group specialized
13 in providing entertainment for migrant workers throughout the
14 nation, and the band's recording "El Corrido de Augustine Ramirez"
15 became a hit on Tejano stations in Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, His fame as a musician helped Mr. Canales land a job
17 as a disc jockey at Radio Jalapeno in Corpus Christi, and he quickly
18 became a popular on-air personality, famous for his catchphrase,
19 "You got it! Take it away!"; he made the jump to television in the
20 early 1980s with *El Show de Johnny Canales*, a variety program that
21 was initially syndicated to stations in Texas and later broadcast
22 in the United States by Univision and in 23 other countries by
23 Televisa; and

24 WHEREAS, Living up to its slogan "Donde nacen las estrellas"

1 ("Where stars are born"), *El Show de Johnny Canales* hosted some of
2 the earliest TV performances of the Tejano superstar Selena, and
3 the show was also instrumental in launching such popular performers
4 as Los Huracanes del Norte, Conjunto Primavera, Los Temerarios,
5 Bronco, Ramon Ayala y Sus Bravos del Norte, and Bobby Pulido, among
6 many others; after the tragic death of Selena in 1995, Mr. Canales
7 broadcast a television special in her memory, "Recordando Selena,"
8 which garnered huge ratings and helped demonstrate the growing
9 power and sweep of the Latino audience; a measure of his popularity
10 in international markets came in 2001, when a taping of his show in
11 Monterrey, Mexico, drew 135,000 fans; and

12 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Mr. Canales has used his fame
13 and influence to support causes he believes in; he has been active
14 in civic and voter-education initiatives, and he has assisted such
15 organizations as the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational
16 Fund, Operation Supply Our Students, the League of United Latin
17 American Citizens, the American G.I. Forum, and the Southwest Voter
18 Registration Education Project; and

19 WHEREAS, This beloved entertainer's show business
20 achievements and his efforts to benefit others have earned him
21 hundreds of official honors, including recognition from the
22 Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute and a Lifetime Achievement
23 Award from the Tejano Music Awards; ten video performances from *The*
24 *Johnny Canales Show* are part of the permanent collection of the UCLA
25 Chicano Studies Research Center and have previously been exhibited
26 at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.; and

27 WHEREAS, Through his talent and dedication to showcasing

1 gifted entertainers, Johnny Canales has brought enjoyment to
2 countless people and helped further the influence of Latino music
3 and culture in Texas, across the nation, and around the world; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Juan "Johnny" Canales on his
7 lasting success in the entertainment industry and honor him for his
8 civic contributions; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Mr. Canales as an expression of high regard and best
11 wishes by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
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Anchia	Guillen	Parker
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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
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Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
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Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
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Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
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Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
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Giddings	Murphy	Wu
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H.R. No. 1494

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1494 was adopted by the House on April 24, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House