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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For the past 30 years, the members of Minorities in
2 Government Auditing Services have gathered to share their
3 collective knowledge and skills while contributing to the
4 efficiency of the public sector; and

5 WHEREAS, The group was founded in the mid-1980s by a number of
6 men and women from diverse cultures and backgrounds who had
7 recently begun working at the State Auditor's Office; they soon
8 realized the advantages of joining together to discuss issues and
9 standards in auditing and to support one another's career goals,
10 and their numbers gradually expanded with the addition of new
11 members and perspectives; and

12 WHEREAS, In time, they began to adopt a more formal approach
13 by holding weekly breakfast meetings; moreover, they adopted the
14 name Minorities in Government Auditing Services, or MIGAS, which
15 serves as a fitting acronym for a group that--like the savory
16 dish--is made up of an eclectic mix; and

17 WHEREAS, The members of MIGAS have continued to nurture their
18 strong social and professional ties through the years, sharing
19 joyful events, comforting one another in times of sorrow, and
20 offering congratulations as individuals advanced in their jobs or
21 began their well-deserved retirements; and

22 WHEREAS, Serving as the bedrock of this close-knit team are
23 charter members Jesse "The Senator" Ancira, Odelia Cruz, Mark "El
24 Cantador Suave" Garcia, Hector "El Licenciado" Gonzales, Nellie

1 "Robledo, the Radical" Gonzalez, Marshall "El Gato Negro" McDade,
2 Gilberto "The Archbishop" Mendoza, and Eddie "The Commissioner"
3 Longoria; among the more recent recruits are Marios Parpounas, Gary
4 Payne, Larry Vinyard, James LeBas, Nick Villalpando, Kerry Barton,
5 Rick de Leon, and Ronnie Jung; the group also continues to be
6 influenced by the past friendship and contributions of the late
7 Kelton Green; and

8 WHEREAS, Drawing from their vast range of expertise and
9 experience, the men and women of MIGAS have promoted excellence in
10 government service, and in so doing, they have benefited their
11 fellow citizens in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby honor the members of Minorities in Government
14 Auditing Services and extend to them sincere best wishes for
15 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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