

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On May 15, 2013, the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center
2 in San Antonio is hosting the introduction of a new U.S. postage
3 stamp honoring the iconic Tejano singer Lydia Mendoza as part of its
4 annual Tejano Conjunto Festival; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Houston in 1916, "La Alondra de la Frontera"
6 ("the lark of the border") was known for her soulful renditions of
7 Tejano and conjunto songs; she made her first recordings in San
8 Antonio in 1928, and she continued to entertain audiences for the
9 next 60 years; in 1982, Ms. Mendoza was the first Texan to receive a
10 National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the
11 Arts, and she was presented with a National Medal of the Arts in
12 1999 and a Texas Medal of the Arts in 2003; she passed away in San
13 Antonio in 2007, at the age of 91; and

14 WHEREAS, The Forever stamp honoring Ms. Mendoza is part of
15 the U.S. Postal Service's Music Icons series, and it features a
16 black-and-white photograph of the singer from the 1950s, holding a
17 12-string guitar; superimposed over her image is the flag of the
18 Lone Star State; and

19 WHEREAS, Founded in the early 1980s, the Guadalupe Cultural
20 Arts Center is a dynamic, multidisciplinary arts institution
21 dedicated to promoting and preserving Latin American and indigenous
22 arts, including the visual arts, music, literature, theater, and
23 dance; the center encompasses classrooms, studio spaces, an art
24 gallery, and a theater, and it serves more than 100,000 people a

1 year with its impressive schedule of performances, exhibitions, and
2 special events, including the annual San Antonio CineFestival and
3 the Tejano Conjunto Festival; and

4 WHEREAS, One of the largest and most influential culturally
5 based arts centers in the nation, the Guadalupe Cultural Arts
6 Center is the perfect venue to host the debut of this handsome new
7 stamp, and the center's Tejano Conjunto Festival is a most fitting
8 occasion to honor this legendary performer; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby commend the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center for
11 hosting the introduction of the Lydia Mendoza stamp and extend to
12 the center's staff sincere best wishes for a meaningful and
13 memorable event; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the center as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.

Martinez Fischer

H.R. No. 2119

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2119 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House