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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.