

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Museo Urbano's receipt of a 2013 Public History
2 Project award from the National Council on Public History provides
3 a welcome opportunity to recognize this respected El Paso
4 institution's dedication to its mission of exhibiting,
5 interpreting, and reclaiming the history of the borderlands; and

6 WHEREAS, Established in 2011 by the Department of History at
7 The University of Texas at El Paso, Museo Urbano first opened in a
8 19th-century tenement building in the heart of El Segundo Barrio,
9 one of the most historically significant Mexican American
10 neighborhoods in the U.S.; directed by Dr. Yolanda Chavez Leyva, an
11 associate professor of history and public historian at UTEP, and
12 David Dorado Romo, a scholar and doctoral candidate, the museum is
13 an innovative and inspiring place where musicians, artists, and
14 other members of the community can gather to reflect on and honor
15 the compelling yet sometimes painful history of this region; and

16 WHEREAS, A central tenet of the museum's philosophy is to
17 bring its exhibits to the people; at its location on a
18 pedestrian-heavy corner on South Oregon Street, visitors often
19 peruse its holdings, including outdoor displays of photographs and
20 banners, on their way to work or to church; its staff also offers
21 walking tours, lectures, and workshops in collaboration with other
22 organizations to encourage visitors to learn more about the people
23 and traditions that have made this area unique; and

24 WHEREAS, Founded on the values of respect, reciprocity,

1 responsibility, and the advancement of social justice, the Museo
2 Urbano is a vital cultural resource, and it is indeed deserving of
3 special recognition for its outstanding contributions to the El
4 Paso community; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Museo Urbano on its receipt of a
7 2013 Public History Project award from the National Council on
8 Public History and extend to its directors, staff, and volunteers
9 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the museum as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.

M. Gonzalez of El Paso

H.R. No. 2667

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2667 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House