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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.