

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 408

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Alberto Kreimerman of McAllen, who was named a Neighborhood All-Star in the summer of 2012 for his outstanding community leadership; and

WHEREAS, The award honors service-minded residents of the Rio Grande Valley and is given by the *Valley Town Crier* and the *Edinburg Review*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kreimerman is the founder of Hermes Music and the Hermes Music Foundation; a native of Argentina and a gifted musician and composer, he was selected for recognition due to his use of music and education to help socially, economically, and medically challenged children in the United States and Mexico; through his Project of Love, he has given hope and support to thousands of children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kreimerman opened the first Hermes Music store in McAllen in 1982 and nurtured it into a global business; since the store's opening, he has committed part of its earnings to multiple outreach programs focused on developing and enriching the lives of underserved children; and

WHEREAS, As an artist himself, Mr. Kreimerman believes in the power of music to transform individuals; he established the Hermes Music Foundation in 2008, and over the years, he and his staff have given away thousands of musical instruments and helped pay for medical care and scholarships for children and families living in the Rio Grande Valley and in towns across Nevada, Florida, California, and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding philanthropist has enlisted such talented artists and personalities as Carlos Santana, Willie Nelson, Deepak Chopra, and B. B. King in his efforts to empower young people and help them achieve their potential; in particular, the programs he orchestrates are intended to benefit youths who face illness, disabilities, and extreme poverty; and

WHEREAS, For his humanitarian efforts and generosity of spirit and for his untiring efforts to improve the lives of others, Mr. Kreimerman is indeed deserving of praise and recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Alberto Kreimerman, a recipient of the Neighborhood All-Star award, for his outstanding community leadership and exceptional philanthropic endeavors and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Kreimerman as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 5, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate