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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Lorenzo de Zavala played an integral role in the
2 history of the Lone Star State, and the placement of a statue of him
3 on the grounds of the state building that bears his name would be a
4 fitting commemoration of his outstanding legacy; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Tecoh, near Mérida, Yucatán, on October 3,
6 1788, Lorenzo de Zavala was a lifelong advocate of democratic
7 ideals; he founded several newspapers and went on to serve as an
8 official in the Mexican government before becoming a supporter of
9 Texas independence and the first vice president of the Republic of
10 Texas; and

11 WHEREAS, He entered Mexican politics in 1812, and in 1821 he
12 became a deputy to the Spanish Cortes in Madrid; a leader of the
13 Federalist Party, Zavala served in the First and Second Mexican
14 Constituent Congresses and in the Mexican Senate, and he aided in
15 drafting Mexico's Constitution, but his political views led to his
16 exile in 1830; he returned to Mexico in 1832, became governor of the
17 state of Mexico, and then was appointed head of the Mexican legation
18 in Paris; on learning a short time later that Santa Anna had assumed
19 dictatorial powers in Mexico, he resigned his position and left
20 Europe; and

21 WHEREAS, Zavala moved to Texas in July 1835 and soon emerged
22 as a leader in the Texas fight for independence from Mexico; he
23 served as a delegate from Harrisburg at the Consultation at San
24 Felipe in November 1835 and at the Convention at

1 Washington-on-the-Brazos in March 1836, when he signed the Texas
2 Declaration of Independence, helped to draft the new Texas
3 Constitution, and was unanimously elected as vice president of the
4 Republic of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Lorenzo de Zavala was a crucial figure in guiding
6 the fortunes of Texas at a critical juncture in its history, and in
7 recognition of his lasting contributions, Zavala County and the
8 Texas State Library and Archives Commission building were named in
9 his honor; because his life carries a particular resonance for all
10 who care about the heritage of the Lone Star State, however, placing
11 his statue on the grounds of the state library would allow current
12 and future generations to more fully appreciate his achievements;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
15 hereby express support for the placement of a monument to Lorenzo de
16 Zavala on the grounds of the Texas State Library and Archives
17 Commission building; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the 84th Texas Legislature direct the Texas
19 Facilities Commission to seek approval from the Texas Historical
20 Commission regarding the form, dimensions, and substance of, and
21 inscriptions or illustrations on, a monument to Lorenzo de Zavala
22 and to permit the placement of the monument on the grounds of the
23 Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building; and, be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward an
26 official copy of this resolution to the executive directors of the
27 Texas Facilities Commission and the Texas Historical Commission and

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1 to the director and librarian of the Texas State Library and
2 Archives Commission.