

1-1 By: Peña (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.C.R. No. 81
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015;
 1-3 May 15, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Administration; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock	X			
1-8 Uresti	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Eltife	X			
1-11 Huffines	X			
1-12 Schwertner			X	
1-13 West	X			

1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Lorenzo de Zavala played an integral role in the
 1-17 history of the Lone Star State, and the placement of a statue of him
 1-18 on the grounds of the state building that bears his name would be a
 1-19 fitting commemoration of his outstanding legacy; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Born in Tecoh, near Mérida, Yucatán, on October 3,
 1-21 1788, Lorenzo de Zavala was a lifelong advocate of democratic
 1-22 ideals; he founded several newspapers and went on to serve as an
 1-23 official in the Mexican government before becoming a supporter of
 1-24 Texas independence and the first vice president of the Republic of
 1-25 Texas; and

1-26 WHEREAS, He entered Mexican politics in 1812, and in 1821 he
 1-27 became a deputy to the Spanish Cortes in Madrid; a leader of the
 1-28 Federalist Party, Zavala served in the First and Second Mexican
 1-29 Constituent Congresses and in the Mexican Senate, and he aided in
 1-30 drafting Mexico's Constitution, but his political views led to his
 1-31 exile in 1830; he returned to Mexico in 1832, became governor of the
 1-32 state of Mexico, and then was appointed head of the Mexican legation
 1-33 in Paris; on learning a short time later that Santa Anna had assumed
 1-34 dictatorial powers in Mexico, he resigned his position and left
 1-35 Europe; and

1-36 WHEREAS, Zavala moved to Texas in July 1835 and soon emerged
 1-37 as a leader in the Texas fight for independence from Mexico; he
 1-38 served as a delegate from Harrisburg at the Consultation at San
 1-39 Felipe in November 1835 and at the Convention at
 1-40 Washington-on-the-Brazos in March 1836, when he signed the Texas
 1-41 Declaration of Independence, helped to draft the new Texas
 1-42 Constitution, and was unanimously elected as vice president of the
 1-43 Republic of Texas; and

1-44 WHEREAS, Lorenzo de Zavala was a crucial figure in guiding
 1-45 the fortunes of Texas at a critical juncture in its history, and in
 1-46 recognition of his lasting contributions, Zavala County and the
 1-47 Texas State Library and Archives Commission building were named in
 1-48 his honor; because his life carries a particular resonance for all
 1-49 who care about the heritage of the Lone Star State, however, placing
 1-50 his statue on the grounds of the state library would allow current
 1-51 and future generations to more fully appreciate his achievements;
 1-52 now, therefore, be it

1-53 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-54 hereby express support for the placement of a monument to Lorenzo de
 1-55 Zavala on the grounds of the Texas State Library and Archives
 1-56 Commission building; and, be it further

1-57 RESOLVED, That the 84th Texas Legislature direct the Texas
 1-58 Facilities Commission to seek approval from the Texas Historical
 1-59 Commission regarding the form, dimensions, and substance of, and
 1-60 inscriptions or illustrations on, a monument to Lorenzo de Zavala
 1-61 and to permit the placement of the monument on the grounds of the

2-1 Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building; and, be it
2-2 further
2-3 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward an
2-4 official copy of this resolution to the executive directors of the
2-5 Texas Facilities Commission and the Texas Historical Commission and
2-6 to the director and librarian of the Texas State Library and
2-7 Archives Commission.

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