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H.R. No. 107

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For 20 years, Aztlan Academy of Ethnic Heritage of
2 Texas has greatly benefited the Arlington-Grand Prairie area
3 through its many vital community programs and commitment to Mexican
4 culture and traditions; and

5 WHEREAS, Affiliated with Aztlán Academy-San José in
6 California, this nonprofit organization offers classes in a number
7 of disciplines of Mexican folk art, including dance, music, and
8 theater; these programs celebrate the richness and beauty of
9 Mexican culture while equipping students with the confidence and
10 skills necessary to reach their full potential; the academy also
11 presents a variety of concerts, exhibits, and workshops that
12 showcase the creative work of both students and professional
13 artists; and

14 WHEREAS, One of Aztlan Academy's most popular programs is
15 Nuestra Navidad, an annual presentation of the Christmas story
16 through the music and dance of the Tarascan, Huastecan, Jarocho,
17 and Jaliscience cultures of Mexico; the stage decoration is
18 inspired by poinsettias, which represent the color and light of the
19 holiday season; this celebration has become a favorite Christmas
20 tradition for performers, many of whom have participated since a
21 young age, as well as for local residents; and

22 WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of artistic director
23 Esther Torres Ghio, Aztlan Academy works closely with the Arlington
24 Independent School District, teaching classes at Starrett

1 Elementary, Barnett Junior High, and James Bowie High Schools; and

2 WHEREAS, Since its establishment, Aztlan Academy of Texas has
3 served as an important community resource, and it has enriched the
4 lives of countless Texans through its cultural and artistic
5 programs; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor Aztlan Academy of Ethnic Heritage of Texas
8 for its immeasurable contributions to the Arlington and Grand
9 Prairie area and extend to all those associated with the
10 organization best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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