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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Kreneck received a Premio Estrella de
2 Aztlán Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association for
3 Chicana and Chicano Studies, Tejas Foco, at the group's annual
4 conference in February 2015, in recognition of outstanding work
5 that has spanned more than a quarter-century; and

6 WHEREAS, Formed in 1972, the NACCS serves academic programs,
7 departments, and research centers that focus on issues of
8 importance to Mexican Americans, Chicanos, and Latinos; each year
9 at the Tejas Foco Conference, the organization presents literary
10 awards to deserving individuals across a variety of categories,
11 including cultural arts, social justice and services, political
12 engagement, and publications; Dr. Kreneck has been involved with
13 the NACCS since the late 1970s; and

14 WHEREAS, During a tenure of more than a decade at the Houston
15 Metropolitan Research Center, Dr. Kreneck originated and built the
16 center's Mexican American archival component; he joined Texas A&M
17 University--Corpus Christi in 1990 to curate the papers of
18 Dr. Hector P. Garcia, founder of the American GI Forum, and as Bell
19 Library associate director for Special Collections and Archives, he
20 greatly expanded the number of books and manuscripts assembled in
21 his department; he also served the university as Joe B. Frantz
22 Lecturer in Public History before his retirement in 2012; and

23 WHEREAS, In addition to his work in academia, Dr. Kreneck is
24 the author of two books, *Mexican American Odyssey: Felix Tijerina*,

1 *Entrepreneur and Civic Leader, 1905-1965*, and *Del Pueblo: A History*
2 *of Houston's Hispanic Community*; he has published a number of
3 scholarly articles, as well, and edited other works focused on
4 Mexican American and Texas history; Dr. Kreneck is a charter member
5 of the Academy of Certified Archivists and a Fellow of the Texas
6 State Historical Association; and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Dr. Thomas Kreneck has
8 significantly added to the knowledge of Chicano history and culture
9 in Texas, and he has earned the respect and admiration of colleagues
10 and fellow citizens alike; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Thomas Kreneck on receiving a
13 Premio Estrella de Aztlán Lifetime Achievement Award and extend to
14 him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Dr. Kreneck as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.