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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Instituto de Cultura Hispánica de Corpus Christi  
2 is commemorating the 40th anniversary of its founding in 2016; and

3 WHEREAS, The organization was formally established on  
4 October 12, 1976, when Juan Jose Gussoni, Sergio Villarreal,  
5 Dr. Efren Suris, Dr. Jose E. Antoni, Evaristo Tercilla, and other  
6 members of the Hispanic community met at the home of Dr. Marc  
7 Eugenio with the goal to create an organization to promote and  
8 propagate Hispanic culture in Corpus Christi; Mr. Tercilla was  
9 elected as the group's first president, and Dr. Eugenio was  
10 appointed president of the board; and

11 WHEREAS, Since that time, this nonprofit cultural  
12 organization has upheld its mission to foster greater understanding  
13 of the different Hispanic nationalities represented in Corpus  
14 Christi, and the value that they bring to the community; striving to  
15 cultivate an atmosphere of goodwill and friendship, members  
16 encourage cultural exchange and collaborate with educational  
17 institutions and other entities to sponsor an assortment of  
18 lectures and festive performances; the organization also awards  
19 college scholarships to deserving area high school seniors who  
20 support its goals; and

21 WHEREAS, The Instituto de Cultura Hispánica occupies the  
22 Lichtenstein House in Heritage Park, a building constructed in 1905  
23 that is listed as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark and in the  
24 National Register of Historic Places; members operate a museum in

1 the building that offers art exhibits, folkloric displays, English  
2 and Spanish recitals, and cultural celebrations, along with  
3 artifacts from a diversity of Hispanic countries; and

4 WHEREAS, For four decades, the Instituto de Cultura Hispánica  
5 de Corpus Christi has served as an invaluable area resource, and its  
6 members may take pride in the role they have played in strengthening  
7 the cultural fabric of their community; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby honor the Instituto de Cultura Hispánica de  
10 Corpus Christi on its 40th anniversary and extend to all those  
11 associated with the group sincere best wishes for continued  
12 success; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the  
15 Texas House of Representatives.