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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Westside Business Association is hosting its  
2 third annual Cinco de Mayo fund-raiser in Corpus Christi on May 1,  
3 2015, and this event provides an ideal opportunity to recognize the  
4 group for 36 years of service to the community; and

5           WHEREAS, Founded in 1979, the WBA is a nonprofit organization  
6 that focuses on economic development, education, and cultural  
7 heritage; the group's first project in 1981 involved securing  
8 nearly \$10 million from the State of Texas for a crossover on  
9 Highway 44; subsequently, it obtained a \$500,000 grant to build the  
10 facility now known as the Antonio E. Garcia Arts and Education  
11 Center; and

12           WHEREAS, The association has undertaken many beautification  
13 projects, and it has raised awareness of the city's rich history  
14 with the placement of statues representing such notables as Spanish  
15 explorer Captain Alonso Álvarez de Pineda and early settler Captain  
16 Blas María de la Garza Falcón; committed to helping young Texans,  
17 the WBA distributes holiday gifts annually to children in need, and  
18 it sponsors 13 Cub Scout troops; its charitable initiatives also  
19 benefit the Girl Scouts and Little League, among other  
20 organizations; and

21           WHEREAS, Over the years, the WBA has given steadfast support  
22 to local elementary schools, and it offers scholarships through the  
23 Education is Our Freedom Program; it has received both the College  
24 Readiness Award and the Incentives in Achievement Award from the

1 Corpus Christi Independent School District; and

2 WHEREAS, The Westside Business Association has contributed  
3 significantly to the prosperity of Corpus Christi, and it has made a  
4 lasting, positive difference in the quality of life enjoyed by area  
5 residents; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby congratulate the Westside Business Association  
8 on its 36th anniversary and extend to the organization best wishes  
9 for a memorable 2015 Cinco de Mayo celebration; and, be it further

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