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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In 2011, Del Mar College in Corpus Christi added an
2 associate's degree in Mexican-American Studies to better serve area
3 residents; and

4 WHEREAS, Students in the program learn to summarize
5 demographic trends, to recognize the main elements of
6 Mexican-American aesthetics in literature, language, music, visual
7 arts, and cultural practices and to demonstrate a comprehensive
8 understanding of the historical, political, and contemporary
9 experiences of Mexican-American men and women in South Texas and
10 throughout the United States; designated as fully transferable to
11 Texas public colleges and universities by the Texas Higher
12 Education Coordinating Board, courses further prepare students by
13 equipping them with oral, writing, and research skills; and

14 WHEREAS, Students take these classes for a variety of
15 reasons, with some committed to earning the associate's degree in
16 Mexican-American Studies and others interested in fulfilling
17 creative arts, language, social sciences, or American history
18 requirements for other majors; a number of students choose to
19 enroll in these courses to earn college credit through the Early
20 College Program, to transfer to a four-year university, to become
21 more competitive in the job market, or to explore the topic through
22 the Career and Community Education Program; and

23 WHEREAS, Dedicated to engaging the community, the program
24 also hosts events that expand awareness of the Mexican-American

1 population and major demographic changes in the nation; to that
2 end, the Mexican-American Studies Program cosponsored a video
3 preview and discussion panel on the PBS documentary series "Latino
4 Americans" with KEDT-TV in 2013; the following year, it went on to
5 sponsor the first Del Mar College Mexican-American Studies Program
6 Summer Seminar; and

7 WHEREAS, The Del Mar College Mexican-American Studies
8 Program is playing a vital role in the preservation and celebration
9 of the Lone Star State's Hispanic heritage, and it is indeed fitting
10 to honor the initiative for its support of the college's emphasis as
11 a Hispanic-Serving Institution; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize the Del Mar College Mexican-American
14 Studies Program for its contributions to the community and extend
15 to all those associated with the program sincere best wishes for
16 continued success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Del Mar College as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.