

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 592

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Robert Rodriguez for his extensive contributions to the arts and film industry in Texas; and

WHEREAS, This revered Texan and pioneer of the independent film revolution has earned widespread acclaim as a major film director, screenwriter, producer, cinematographer, editor, and musician; and

WHEREAS, He produced his first feature film, *El Mariachi*, while a student at The University of Texas at Austin; the groundbreaking film went on to win the coveted Audience Award at the Sundance Film Festival and to become the lowest budget movie ever released by a major studio; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Mr. Rodriguez founded Troublemaker Studios in Austin; the studio includes a world-renowned visual effects house and an extensive music and publishing division, and it has played a major role in making the state capital a vibrant filmmaking hub; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his filmmaking endeavors, he is also the founder and chairman of El Rey Network, the first major Texas-based television network that debuted in 2013; he is also a major advocate for the Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program, which has contributed more than \$1 billion to the state economy; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rodriguez enjoys a global following as a visionary independent filmmaker, and he has worked diligently to create a thriving film industry in Texas; he is indeed a treasured citizen of the state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend Robert Rodriguez for his outstanding contributions to the arts in Texas and extend to him best wishes in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate