

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 813

**WHEREAS**, Acclaimed Texas musician Little Joe Hernández has been named by the Westside Development Corporation as honorary chair for the organization's annual Westside Honors Exitos en Nuestro Barrio Gala being held in San Antonio on May 21, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Born in Temple in 1940, José María de León Hernández began his musical journey in his teens as a guitarist in his cousin's band, David Coronado and the Latinaires, and after several years of performing live with the group, he became its leader in 1959; he was an influential figure during the Chicano wave of the early 1970s, and while touring the San Francisco Bay Area, he was drawn closer to his cultural roots through the Latinismo movement, which prompted him to rename the ensemble Little Joe y La Familia; and

**WHEREAS**, The group has built a notable legacy in Tejano music through the decades, cutting more than 50 albums across a spectrum of prominent Chicano record labels; in 1992, the band earned the great distinction of becoming the first Tejano act to claim a Grammy Award with its win in the Best Mexican-American Performance category for the album *Diez y Seis de Septiembre*, and the ensemble is a three-time winner in the Grammy category for Best Tejano Album; and

**WHEREAS**, Little Joe Hernández has led a stellar career in music and has captivated listeners around the globe with his remarkable artistry, and he is indeed worthy of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby congratulate Little Joe Hernández on being named honorary chair of the 2015 Westside Honors Exitos en Nuestro Barrio Gala and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Hernández as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 14, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate