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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, La Joya High School is celebrating the 35th
2 anniversary of the founding of its Grupo Folklórico Tabasco and
3 Mariachi Los Coyotes programs in 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1982, both Grupo Folklórico Tabasco
5 and Mariachi Los Coyotes are dedicated to promoting and preserving
6 the folklore and culture of Mexico, Spain, and Latin America
7 through music and dance; over the years, the ensembles have
8 performed for such dignitaries as Presidents George H. W. Bush and
9 Bill Clinton, Governors Mark White and Ann Richards, and numerous
10 members of the U.S. Congress; the recipients of state, national,
11 and international recognition, the groups have been showcased at
12 the French Quarter Festival in New Orleans and have twice been
13 invited to the Nice Carnival in France; today, the folklórico group
14 is ably guided by director Cristóbal Rojas, while the mariachi
15 ensemble benefits from the leadership of director Martin Cantu; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to educating students on the vibrant
17 heritage of the Spanish-speaking world, both programs have helped
18 increase student retention rates and academic success at La Joya
19 High; many of the groups' performers have earned individual honors,
20 and most have continued their education at colleges and
21 universities that offer cultural scholarships; some have gone on to
22 perform professionally; and

23 WHEREAS, Over the last three and a half decades, Grupo
24 Folklórico Tabasco and Mariachi Los Coyotes have provided

1 countless La Joya High students with greater cultural awareness and
2 a means of self-expression, and this special occasion presents a
3 welcome opportunity to pay tribute to these worthwhile programs;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 35th anniversary of the founding
7 of Grupo Folklórico Tabasco and Mariachi Los Coyotes at La Joya High
8 School and extend to all those associated with the two groups
9 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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