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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Rio Grande Valley natives Sam and Ricco Garcia  
2 achieved rare success with a self-published book, *How a Goat Was*  
3 *Elected Mayor and the Political Spring That Followed*; and

4           WHEREAS, Hours after learning the surprising results of the  
5 2016 presidential election, the Garcia brothers began researching  
6 past political upsets; their book debuted on February 22, 2017, and  
7 quickly became the top seller on Amazon in both the Local U.S.  
8 Politics and Communication Policy categories; and

9           WHEREAS, The book examines numerous unexpected victories,  
10 including those of Donald J. Trump, Jesse Ventura, Barack Obama,  
11 and the titular goat, Clay Henry, who was legitimately elected  
12 mayor of the West Texas town of Lajitas; it also addresses the  
13 historic rise of Mexico's National Action Party, which ended nearly  
14 nine decades of dominance by its opponent; and

15           WHEREAS, Both graduates of The University of Texas at Austin,  
16 Ricco Garcia also holds a law degree from the University of Houston,  
17 while Sam Garcia is currently a law student at Harvard; Sam Garcia  
18 previously wrote *How Goats Can Fight Poverty: Complex Problems Do*  
19 *Not Always Need Complex Solutions*; the founder of the Sustainable  
20 Dairy Goat Initiative, a student-run nonprofit organization, he  
21 can claim boyhood experience in goat herding, thanks to his father,  
22 a defense attorney, who once accepted a herd in payment for legal  
23 work; and

24           WHEREAS, Sam and Ricco Garcia have published an interesting

1 and insightful book that has found an audience eager for  
2 information about the political process, and these talented young  
3 authors may no doubt look forward to further career achievements;  
4 now, therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Sam and Ricco Garcia on the success  
7 of their first joint book and extend to them sincere best wishes for  
8 the future; and, be it further

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