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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Tejano star Michael Salgado has distinguished
2 himself for more than two decades through his outstanding
3 contributions to Texas music; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Barrancas, Chihuahua, Mexico, to Ernesto and
5 Alice Salgado, Michael Salgado grew up in Big Spring, Stanton, and
6 other West Texas towns; he started singing with his father's
7 conjunto band when he was in grade school, and a few years later he
8 picked up his dad's piano accordion and taught himself to play by
9 listening to Ramon Ayala's recordings; as a southpaw, he developed
10 his own approach to the instrument, flipping it upside down and
11 learning the scales in reverse; his virtuosic, unconventional style
12 earned him the nickname "el Zurdo de Oro," or "the Golden Lefty";
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Salgado formed his own band when he was 19, with
15 his brothers Ernie and James; introducing the classic norteño sound
16 to a new generation, he soared to the top of radio playlists in the
17 United States and Mexico in 1995 with his cover of "Cruz de Madera";
18 his next hit, "Sin Ella," spent 33 weeks in *Billboard* magazine's
19 Latin Top Ten, and his subsequent run of successful singles
20 included the Number One Tejano song of 2001, "Ya No Voy a Aguantar";
21 and

22 WHEREAS, With two decades of recording experience behind him,
23 Mr. Salgado launched his own label, Zurdo Records, and he ventured
24 into country music with such appealing tracks as "Honky Tonks and

1 Cantinas," which was nominated for Song of the Year at the 2012
2 Tejano Music Awards, despite its genre; he has won numerous
3 accolades over the years, among them the 2007 Latin Grammy Award for
4 Best Norteño Album, the 2012 *Billboard* Latin Music Award for Best
5 Album Regional Mexican, and a host of Tejano Music Awards in the
6 vocalist, album, song, duo, and entertainer categories; in 2016,
7 *Por Cielo Y Tierra* brought him the Latin Grammy for Best Tejano
8 Album, along with two Tejano Music Awards, for Best Vocalist and
9 Best Norteño Album; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Salgado has also benefited the community through
11 his own charitable organization, the Para Mi Gente Foundation, as
12 well as through his efforts in behalf of the Children's Shelter of
13 San Antonio, St. Jude Children's Hospital, and the Make-A-Wish
14 Foundation; and

15 WHEREAS, A gifted performer and recording artist, Michael
16 Salgado carries on a vibrant tradition while bringing joy to
17 innumerable people through his music; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
19 Legislature hereby honor Michael Salgado for his accomplishments
20 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
21 it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Mr. Salgado as an expression of high regard by the
24 Texas House of Representatives.