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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mariachi singer Sebastien De La Cruz of San Antonio
2 has emerged as a rising star on the Texas music horizon; and

3 WHEREAS, Currently a student at Karen Wagner High School,
4 Mr. De La Cruz has already performed for television audiences
5 numbering in the millions; he appeared on three episodes of the hit
6 television show *America's Got Talent* in 2012, introducing many
7 people in other states to mariachi music for the first time; more
8 recently, he serenaded the star of ABC's *The Bachelorette* and
9 helped judge contestants on their attempts to do the same; he was
10 profiled by fellow San Antonian Eva Longoria in a documentary
11 segment for ESPN, and he acted with her on the series *Telenovela*;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. De La Cruz sang the national anthem at two NBA
14 finals games in 2013; dressed in the ornate traditional *traje*, he
15 helped the San Antonio Spurs show off their town's distinctive
16 culture, and the nation's First Basketball Fan, President Barack
17 Obama, sent out a tweet telling viewers not to miss his encore
18 performance; Mr. De La Cruz went on to sing at the 2016 Democratic
19 National Convention and at events for a number of high-profile
20 individuals, among them Vice President Joe Biden and former
21 secretary of state Hillary Clinton; in addition, he has worked with
22 the San Antonio Symphony, the Chicago Lyric Opera, the San Diego
23 Opera, and the Houston Grand Opera, and he has shared stages with
24 numerous Latin music stars, from Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán to

1 Gloria Estefan; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. De La Cruz was only five when he expressed his
3 desire to sing mariachi music; he began vocal training with a
4 professor in Texas State University's Latin Music Studies Program,
5 and he soon impressed local crowds and made his mark at major
6 mariachi conferences; in early 2017, he took a significant step in
7 his career, releasing his third album, *Nuestro Amor*; and

8 WHEREAS, A bright light in contemporary mariachi music,
9 Sebastien De La Cruz has drawn new fans to the genre, and his myriad
10 admirers look forward to hearing much more from this gifted young
11 singer in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Sebastien De La Cruz on his
14 accomplishments and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
15 success; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mr. De La Cruz as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.