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# RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Members of Intocable are visiting the State Capitol  
2 on May 17, 2017, and this occasion provides an ideal opportunity to  
3 recognize this acclaimed norteño band for its accomplishments; and

4 WHEREAS, In the early 1990s, Ricky Javier Muñoz and René  
5 Orlando Martinez of Zapata founded Intocable, and they signed a  
6 record contract with EMI while they were still in high school; the  
7 group's third album, *Llévame Contigo*, soared to the top of the  
8 Regional Mexican album chart in 1996 and made the top five in the  
9 broader Latin category, setting the stage for a remarkable career;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Intocable expanded the audience for norteño by  
12 incorporating elements from country music, rock, and pop, and over  
13 the years, it has scored a host of number one hits, including  
14 "Robarte un Beso," "Prometí," and "Tu Ausencia"; with legions of  
15 fans in the United States and Mexico, the group has sold out large  
16 venues in both countries, and in 2003, it set a record at Reliant  
17 Stadium in Houston by drawing a crowd of more than 70,000; and

18 WHEREAS, Among myriad accolades, the group has received  
19 multiple Univision Premio Lo Nuestro awards, as well as a pair of  
20 Grammy awards for the albums *Intimamente* and *Classic*; the band's  
21 style has influenced numerous other Tejano and norteño acts, even  
22 as it has continued to explore new musical avenues; in 2010,  
23 *Billboard* magazine named it Mexican Regional Group of the Decade,  
24 and two years later, at a Dallas Cowboys home game, Intocable became

1 the first norteno band to play an NFL halftime show; and

2 WHEREAS, Intocable celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2015  
3 with the release of the album *XX Anniversario en Vivo*; the band also  
4 played a live global telecast that year and donated the proceeds to  
5 St. Jude's Children's Hospital, and it went on to form a partnership  
6 with the hospital to continue raising funds in its behalf; and

7 WHEREAS, Transcending its genre while remaining one of its  
8 most influential artists, Intocable has enriched the cultural  
9 heritage of the Lone Star State, and it has brought joy to  
10 innumerable people over the course of more than two decades; now,  
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby honor Intocable for its contributions to music  
14 and extend to the members sincere best wishes for continued  
15 success; and, be it further

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