

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 300

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Over the last three and a half decades, Grupo Folklórico Tabasco and Mariachi Los Coyotes have provided countless La Joya High students with greater cultural awareness and a means of self-expression, and this special occasion presents a welcome opportunity to pay tribute to these worthwhile programs; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be prepared for the ensembles as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Hinojosa

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on February 27, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate