

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 871

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby honor Intocable for its contributions to music and extend to the members sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the band as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Menéndez

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate