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H.R. No. 32

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Melenie Lissette Gonzalez of Rio Grande City won the
2 conjunto category at the 12th annual Texas Folklife Big Squeeze
3 Accordion Contest finals at the Bullock Texas State History Museum
4 in Austin on April 21, 2018; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 2007, the Big Squeeze competition has
6 highlighted talented young musicians from across the Lone Star
7 State who perform various genres of traditional accordion music,
8 including Tejano, Creole, Cajun, and polka; Ms. Gonzalez was the
9 first teenage girl from the Rio Grande Valley to take top honors in
10 the conjunto category for players ages 17 and under; and

11 WHEREAS, Melenie Gonzalez grew up listening to conjunto, but
12 it is her older sister, Carmen, a mariachi violinist, whom she
13 credits with firing her love of music; she took up the accordion
14 when she was 14 and studied with Jesus Lozano and Jaime Lozano,
15 becoming a valued member of Roma High School's conjunto ensemble,
16 Los Cardenales; for her award-winning performance in Austin, she
17 played the classic "Polka Idalia" and a huapango, "Picame
18 Tarantula"; and

19 WHEREAS, This outstanding young Texan has proven herself to
20 possess both exceptional talent and a passion for her craft, and she
21 may indeed look forward to a future bright with promise; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Melenie Lissette Gonzalez on

1 winning the conjunto grand prize at the 2018 Big Squeeze Accordion
2 Contest finals and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
3 success; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Ms. Gonzalez as an expression of high regard by the
6 Texas House of Representatives.