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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas filmmaker David Blue Garcia has garnered
2 considerable critical acclaim and several film festival awards with
3 his Texas-themed debut feature film, *Tejano*; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of South Texas, Mr. Garcia grew up in
5 Harlingen, where he got interested in film at the age of 13; after
6 earning a radio, television, and film degree from The University of
7 Texas at Austin, he established a successful career as a director
8 and cinematographer of high-profile commercials, and he has also
9 been involved in the production of numerous feature films, shorts,
10 documentaries, news programs, and corporate films; and

11 WHEREAS, Set and filmed entirely in the Rio Grande Valley,
12 *Tejano* is a Spanish-language thriller that tells the story of a
13 young ranch hand who, desperate to raise money for his sick
14 grandfather, finds himself caught up in drug trafficking along the
15 border; directed and cowritten by Mr. Garcia, the film includes
16 area residents in the cast and features distinctive locations in
17 Harlingen, Brownsville, and McAllen; and

18 WHEREAS, This independent film was produced on an extremely
19 low budget that did not rise to the minimum level necessary to
20 qualify for the state's filmmaking incentive program; although
21 Mr. Garcia could have made the feature in nearby states that have
22 lower minimum requirements, he was determined to film this story in
23 Texas, with Texans working as cast and crew; his passionate belief
24 in the talent and potential of the Lone Star State's film community

1 has inspired him to become a powerful advocate for increased
2 financial resources to support low-budget projects in Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, *Tejano* has proven to be an auspicious debut,
4 garnering strong reviews and earning multiple awards on the
5 festival circuit, including prizes from the Dallas International
6 Film Festival, the South Texas International Film Festival, the El
7 Paso Film Festival, the Queen Palm International Film Festival, and
8 the CineSol Film Festival; and

9 WHEREAS, Through his considerable skill and admirable
10 determination, David Blue Garcia worked against the odds to create
11 a compelling and entertaining film that makes a bold new
12 contribution to the proud legacy of cinematic art in the Lone Star
13 State; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate David Blue Garcia on the success of
16 his feature film *Tejano* and extend to him sincere best wishes for
17 the future; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Mr. Garcia as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives.