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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Juan Antonio González Moreno, chair and CEO of
Gruma, has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to strengthening
the relationship between Texas and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, One of Mexico's premier companies, Gruma has operated in the United States for more than four decades, and its U.S. subsidiary, Mission Foods, has been headquartered in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex since 1998; the company has invested more than \$100 million in Texas in recent years, and its plants in Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio employ more than 1,000 Texans; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, Gruma-Mission Foods made a \$4 million 10 11 commitment to enable the establishment of the Mission Foods 12 Texas-Mexico Center at Southern Methodist University, and Mr. González Moreno serves as chair of its executive advisory 13 14 board; the center furthers dialogue related to the economic, political, and social ties between Mexico, Texas, and the United 15 16 States as a whole and promotes scholarly research on border issues, 17 energy, human capital and education, migration, and trade and investment; moreover, its programs encourage the development of 18 sound public policy and greater cross-border integration and 19 20 cross-sector collaboration among academia, government, nonprofit 21 organizations, and business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. González Moreno has also provided leadership in the development of social programs that support Hispanic communities in the United States; in 2017, he received the Good

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Neighbor Award from the United States Chamber of Commerce in
recognition of his outstanding endeavors; and

3 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Mission Foods Texas-Mexico 4 Center has advanced the study of a vital cross-border relationship, 5 and through his dedication to invigorating that relationship, Juan 6 González Moreno has helped build a bridge to a brighter future for 7 all; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas 9 Legislature hereby honor Juan Antonio González Moreno for his 10 contributions to the economic partnership between Texas and Mexico 11 and commend him for his work in behalf of the Mission Foods 12 Texas-Mexico Center at Southern Methodist University; and, be it 13 further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 15 prepared for Mr. González Moreno as an expression of high regard by 16 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 741 was adopted by the House on March 21, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House