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H.R. No. 741

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

1 Neighbor Award from the United States Chamber of Commerce in
2 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.